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"I Want You Now"

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Matt Bott '99 and the rest of The Buffers, "Poisoning" their 90% female crowd Wednesday night in The Hub.

Trustee Massolo honored

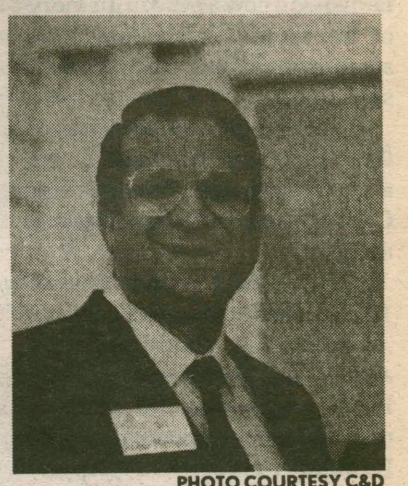
BY SCOTT VON DUHN '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Last Friday afternnon, trustees gathered together in front of Burke Library to honor Art Massolo and his wife Karen, whose names have been etched in stone because of their contributions to Hamilton.

A plaque on the outside of the library honors those people who have been the most generous benefactors of Hamilton since 1980. Most of them have contributed well over a million dollars to Hamilton. Art and Karen Massolo recently added to a previous contribution, providing even more funds for a student grant to benefit students who qualify for the scholarship.

Art Massolo's grandfather was an Italian immigrant who worked hard to represent traditionally under-represented people.

"That strong desire to help out in the community that started with his grandfather is alive in Art Massolo today," said Richard Tantillo, Vice- President of Communications and Development. "Art works with the LINK program, which 'adopts' inner city youths in Chicago and provides them with guidance and the means to go to better schools and to help pay for college."



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Art Massolo, trustee, was honored last weekend for his charitable work in Chicago.

Massolo is originally from Brooklyn, and he spent time as an attorney some years back. He is a member of the Class of 1964, and he was a trustee for four years.

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Two Senior Fellow presentations announced

BY KATHY WEBBER '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Next week, two Senior Fellows, Mary Bernadine Dias and Kim-Ee Yeoh, will present their year's work. Dias will present "Visual Navigation of a Mobile Robot" on Monday, May 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium, and Yeoh's presentation, entitled "Computing Galois groups of polynomials over the field of rational numbers," will be held on Tuesday May 12th at 10:00 a.m. in Burke Library 005. Both presentations are open to the public.

Dias built two robots who navigate autonomously using vision. During her presentation, Dias will describe her research and work, and her robots: "Praveena," meaning expert or highly skilled in Sinhalese, and "Loku Akka," meaning big sister, and will demonstrate their abilities.

Dias' advisor is Professor Stuart Hirschfield, professor of computer science. Dias has already presented her work at two high schools, and she feels her presentation should be accessible to all.

Dias has done other research during her college career, working with Ann Silversmith, associate professor of Physics, during her first summer here on a laser spectroscopy project. She received a NUF (National Undergraduate Fellowship) and a PPPL (Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory) grant to work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison last summer on a plasma physics project.

Dias also spent a summer abroad in Sydney, Australia the summer after her sophomore year.

In addition to her working on her project, Dias also took a women's studies and physics course this semester. Last semester, she co-taught College

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Clement speaks on CIA, US policy

BY SARAH BYRNE '00 & ERIN WATERS '01
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & PHOTO EDITOR

Peter Clement, Russian Issues Manager of the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke in the Chapel at 8pm on Tuesday night. His speech was entitled "The Intelligence Business: The CIA's Role in US Foreign Policy." The event was sponsored by the International Relations Group (IRGroup) and was a continuation of their Diplomatic License Forum.

At the Agency Clement oversees a staff of over one hundred individuals. Each staffer works on Russian issues varying from farming to geography, and from the economy to weapons of mass destruction. Clement attended SUNY Oswego for his undergraduate degree, and then went on to Michigan State, where he earned both his masters and doctorate.

Clement has worked as an analyst in the CIA as a Russia expert for over twenty years. He began his lecture with a disclaimer; Clement wished the audience to realize that the views that he was about to express were his own and not necessarily those of the Agency or of the US government. Though he did stress the fact that he hoped that there was some correlation between his views and those of the Agency in which he is employed.

Clement then spoke briefly on the history of the CIA. President Truman felt that the Agency was a necessity. He did not want the US to be "surprised" again as it had supposedly been on the occasion of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (though some historians contend that Roosevelt was aware of the impending attack).

He went on to discuss the different types of intelligence work that go on within the Agency. Open intelligence refers to ... While covert intelligence is the more commonly known form as it is often depicted on television or in spy novels.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Peter Clement lectures on the CIA on Tuesday night.

According to Clement, working

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Father honored with new teaching award

PRESS RELEASE

A College alumnus has established a new award in memory of his father to recognize outstanding teaching and scholarship.

The inaugural presentation of the award will be made at the annual Class and Charter Day Convocation on Friday, May 8, at 3 p.m.

"The John R. Hatch Class of 1925 Excellence in Teaching Award" was established by Alfrederic S. Hatch, a 1958 Hamilton graduate, in memory of his father, who graduated from Hamilton in 1925. It will support an annual prize for a tenure-track faculty member who has been employed by the college for fewer than five years, and who demonstrates superior teaching, high-quality scholarly research, and significant and positive impact on students.

The fund is part of an initiative called the Presidential Fund for Faculty Innovation, which was made possible by a challenge grant from the Fred L. Emerson Foundation in Auburn, N.Y., and a gift from Mr. Hatch.

"This award signifies the value Hamilton places on teaching and scholarship," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "We are exceptionally proud of our faculty and are grateful to the Hatch family for providing us with the means to recognize the tremendous effort Hamilton professors put forth in support of their students."

John Hatch possessed a lifelong fondness for Hamilton. As a student, he was elected to the college's sophomore, junior and senior service and leadership organizations, and was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity. He served as captain of the soccer and basketball teams and was a member of the varsity baseball team. Following his graduation from Hamilton in 1925, Mr. Hatch began a long career with the New York Telephone Company. Both his father (class of 1901) and his son (class of 1958) were Hamilton graduates, and three grandchildren, one of whom graduated in 1982 and two of whom are currently enrolled, attended the college.

In addition to the newly established Hatch Award for Excellence in Teaching, Hamilton will award The Class of 1963 Excellence in Teaching Award to a tenured member of the faculty at the Class and Charter Day Convocation.

SA election results announced

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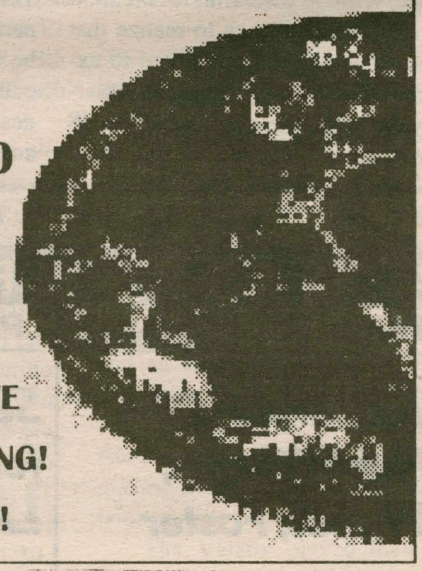

Dias, Yeoh: Senior Fellows presentation

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100, "The Unity of Knowledge" with Professor Carl Rubino.

Dias describes her experience as a senior fellow as positive and beneficial for her future.

"It has allowed me to engage in an in-depth year-long research project in a field that is relatively new to me," said Dias. Through this experience, I have hopefully gained sufficient experience and knowledge to succeed in earning my Ph.D. in robotics at Carnegie Mellon University."

Kim-Ee Yeoh worked with a computer algebra program and computed a mathematical object, a Galois Group. A Galois group, named after the French mathematician Evariste Galois, is a system of functions used to solve higher degree polynomial equations.

Yeoh implemented a program in Maple that is able to solve these higher degree polynomials by computing a Galois group.

According to his primary advisor, Professor Robert Redfield of the mathematics department, Yeoh is "quite a brilliant fellow."

He recalled that when Yeoh first approached him last year with his idea, Redfield realized how complex it was, but Yeoh convinced him he would be able to do it.

He feels Yeoh is a dedicated, sophisticated, and independent student, someone for whom the senior fellowship was designed.

Yeoh has already presented a poster of his work at the East Coast Computer Algebra Day. He also presented two papers, one concerning the mathematical aspect of his project and one concerned with the computer science aspect, at the Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematical Conference.

In addition to their public presentations, both Yeoh and Dias completed theses and will complete an oral examination where their advisors, a faculty member, and one external scholar will question them.

Each year, by vote of the faculty and board of trustees, no more than seven students in the junior class are selected to be senior fellows during the following year. The director of the program is Professor John O'Neill.

According to the College's Senior Fellowship Program description, "Senior fellows are chosen from among students of such intellectual caliber, independence of mind, and imaginative curiosity that they have become interested in some personal project of study that will contribute significantly to their intellectual growth."

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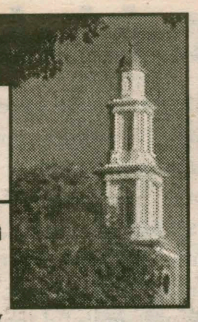

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Big news on campus: Chelsea has a boyfriend

STANFORD, Calif. — (AP) — Matthew Pierce is a champion swimmer and a religious-studies major at Stanford University. But it's his role as Chelsea Clinton's boyfriend that's attracting the spotlight.

President Clinton and the first lady went to church with their daughter and Pierce on Sunday. Pierce, a junior at Stanford, also had lunch with the Clintons, who visited the school for the first time since dropping off Chelsea, 18, in September for the start of her freshman year.

The White House did not identify Pierce, but the San Jose Mercury News reported Monday that he identified himself in a telephone interview as Chelsea's boyfriend.

The President may have had Pierce in mind at a breakfast in Los Angeles on Monday when he gestured toward an acquaintance and volunteered to the audience that the man's daughter had recently married.

''He assures me it is survivable, but I am not so certain,'' Clinton joked. Pierce, 20, is from The Woodlands, Texas, a Houston suburb. According to a biography from the Stanford athletic department, Pierce was a national merit scholar.

He also is a top competitive swimmer, winning the 200-meter butterfly to help Stanford take this year's NCAA swimming championship. He also competed in the backstroke and took part in the Olympic trials two years ago.

Pierce, wearing a crew cut, white shirt, olive pants and a dark tie, sat with the Clintons in the front pew during a Sunday morning service at the nondenominational Stanford Memorial Church.

He then rode in one of the two limousines in the President's motorcade to a nearby restaurant, where he and the Clintons ate.

Clinton seemed to like his daughter's friend; he put his arm around Pierce as they went in to lunch.

Prison time for email threats

The first Net user found guilty of an online hate crime—where death threats were sent by email to 59 Asian university students—was sentenced to one year in prison today, time that already has been served.

A jury convicted former University of California at Irvine student Richard Machado, 21, on two counts of federal civil rights violations in February.

In 1996, Machado was accused of sending an email to a group of fellow students, most of whom were Asian, threatening to "...make it my life career to find and kill every one of you personally." The email, sent from a campus computer, allegedly was signed "Asian Hater."

The verdict validated the prosecution's argument that sending threats via the Net is the same as doing it over a phone or through the regular mail.

Initially, Machado was charged with ten counts ofcivil rights law violations, but his first trial ended in mistrial after the jury deadlocked. After the second jury found him guilty, Machado faced a year in federal prison and a $100,000 fine.

Today, U.S. District Judge Alicemarie Stotler sentenced Machado, who has been detained since February 1997, to time served.

The judge did not order Machado pay the steep fine nor did she grant the prosecution's request that Machado be cut off from the Net, his public defender, Sylvia Torres-Guillen, said today.

"The court didn't impose the outrageous condition the government had asked for, which was that Richard Machado not be allowed to use a computer, modem, online service, cell phone, or TV with Internet or Web [access], and that he not send any unsolicited email to any recipient," Torres-Guillen added.

Machado's defense team had argued that the email was a "stupid prank" and that so-called flames, or abusive messages, are commonplace within Internet culture and discussions.

But during the six-day trial in Santa Monica,California, the prosecution maintained that the culture of the Net did not make it a safe haven from federal laws. Furthermore, the government charged that Machado posed a serious threat to those he emailed because he allegedly resented their academic status. He had been reportedly been dismissed from U.C. Irvine for poor grades just prior to sending the threat from a campus computer.

"Making racially motivated death threats—whether over the phone, via the mail, or on the Internet—is a federal offense that can bring stiff penalties," Nora Manella, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, said in a statement.

Manella added her office currently is investigating allegations of a similar offense at California State University at Los Angeles.

WORLD NEWS

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US Envoy rushed to Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the clock running on a U.S. ultimatum, President Clinton rushed Mideast envoy Dennis Ross to Israel on Thursday to press for a breakthrough on troop withdrawals from the West Bank. Clinton said "very hard decisions" are needed to keep the peace process alive.

In an embarrassment for the White House, Hillary Rodham Clinton said she supports creation of a Palestinian state. Clinton's spokesman said that did not reflect the president's belief that Israel and the Palestinians should resolve the issue themselves.

Mrs. Clinton is "free to be as outspoken as she wishes to be,'' presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said. "That view expressed personally by the first lady is not the view of the president."

Republicans accused the president of bullying Israel and siding with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The White House countered that the GOP was playing politics.

With the peace process stalled for more than a year, the United States created a sense of urgency by demanding that Israel agree to a 13 percent pullback of the West Bank as the price for attending peace talks in Washington beginning Monday.

The U.S. plan would require Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to reverse himself and give up more territory than he has been saying is safe to return to the Palestinians. In Jerusalem, Netanyahu said, "I don't know if we will get to Washington by Monday because there are a lot of issues left open."

A senior administration official in Washington acknowledged there was little time for Netanyahu to act but said it was worthwhile to keep the deadline intact. But the official said, "It's more important that they keep the momentum going." Even if the deadline is missed, the official said, "it would take us an awful lot to give up on this process."

Amid fresh Republican criticism, Clinton said he was trying "simply to regain the momentum that has been lost in the past few months'' but "not by imposing our ideas on anyone."

"What we're searching for is common ground to achieve what Prime Minister Netanyahu asked us to pursue a year ago: the start of accelerated permanent status negotiations.'' Those talks are to deal with the toughest issues: the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlers, refugees, final borders and Palestinian demands for a state.

"I do not want to minimize the difficulties," Clinton said. "Both sides have to make very hard decisions if we're going to keep moving forward.''

Annan says world, U.N. failed Rwanda

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan told Rwandans Thursday that the world had failed them by not preventing the 1994 genocide, but his angry hosts said his remarks fell far short of an acceptable apology.

Later, the country's top officials snubbed the U.N. chief by failing to show up for a reception. A presidential spokesman called Annan's speech "extremely arrogant, insensitive and insulting to the Rwandan people."

Annan traveled to Rwanda to mend relations between the United Nations and the central African country where Hutu extremists butchered at least 500,000 minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus in a three-month campaign in 1994.

In a speech to the Rwandan parliament, the secretary-general conceded mistakes, saying, "We must and we do acknowledge that the world failed Rwanda at that time of evil."

''The world must deeply repent this failure,'' said Annan, who was head of the U.N. peacekeeping office at the time of the slaughter.

But Annan's remarks failed to mollify Rwandan officials, who angrily demanded that individuals be held accountable for the decisions that culminated in the outbreak of mass killing.

In a protest against the secretary-general's speech, President Pasteur Bizimungu, Vice President Paul Kagame and Prime Minister Pierre Celestin Rwigema boycotted a reception they were to hold for Annan.

"The president did not show up because he was protesting the contents of the speech by Mr. Annan," said presidential spokesman Joseph Bideri.

"He talked of the need for Rwandans to atone, yet he cannot atone for the failure of the U.N. in Rwanda, which led to the slaughter of Rwandans," Bideri said.

"I did not regret what I did, but I do regret that we could not get more help for Rwanda,'' Annan said.

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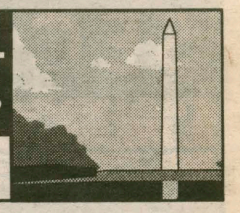

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Senate passes IRS overhaul bill

WASHINGTON(AP) —Legislation to clean up the Internal Revenue Service won unanimous Senate approval Thursday in an election-year display of outrage over heavy-handed enforcement tactics and other abuses

The Senate passed the bill on a 97-0 vote as one lawmaker after another spoke out about a "culture" at the nation's tax collection agency in desperate need of change.

Sen. William V. Roth, R-Del., chief architect of the measure, said that for too long, the IRS has treated the taxpayer "as the enemy and not the customer." The legislation includes "the most extensive reforms ever made to balance power and responsibility inside what can only be characterized as one of America's most powerful agencies,'' added the chairman of the Finance Committee.

"We need to pass IRS reform," agreed Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We need to get on with reforming it, restructuring the IRS, sensitizing them.''

No detail seemed too small for lawmakers eager to demonstrate their concern with the agency that many taxpayers fear and despise. One provision would require the IRS to publish telephone numbers of its local offices.

More broadly, the measure would provide a variety of new rights for taxpayers, including shifting the burden of proof to the IRS in certain court cases. It also would provide new protections for divorcees, mostly women, who face collection actions due to mistakes made by former spouses without their knowledge.

IRS penalties and interest would be suspended in some circumstances, and a new nine-member oversight board would be given authority over law enforcement and collections activity as well as personnel.

The White House has expressed support for the measure but says it will seek certain changes when negotiators for the House and Senate meet to work out a final compromise.

"Recent revelations about gross mismanagement, wasteful spending and flagrant abuse of taxpayers' rights by the IRS are even worse than I've ever imagined,'' Lott said in a letter he signed this year for the Republican National Committee.

Cohen orders tomb exhumed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fourteen years after President Reagan presided over the burial of a Vietnam veteran in the Tomb of the Unknowns, the remains will be exhumed to see if they can be identified after all.

Relatives of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, a missing Vietnam War pilot, believe his remains are buried in the tomb. The decision announced Thursday, his sister said, could put them "one step closer to bringing our family member home."

Defense Secretary William Cohen agreed to disinter the remains "after weighing the sanctity of the tomb with the need for the fullest possible accounting," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon. "If we can identify the remains now we have an obligation to try," Bacon said. The families, he said, "deserve nothing less."

Blassie's family requested the remains be exhumed for possible identification in the hope modern and sophisticated forensics techniques can help.

"I can't say we're surprised, but we're certainly pleased," Pat Blassie, the pilot's sister, said Thursday. "We've been told that in a best-case scenario, we will have word in one month. And the worst-case scenario is that it will take 10 to 12 weeks."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the exhumation is a result of "a very strong commitment that this president and this administration have to the fullest possible accounting for those who are still missing from the Vietnam War."

"That we see as a good thing," McCurry said. "The question of whether or not they (the remains) may, at some point, be someone unknown, dead from the Vietnam War, is something we just have to examine and get good scientific advice on.''

The remains were placed in the tomb in 1984, several years after government scientists ruled they did not belong to Blassie.

Reagan presided over the funeral and awarded the Vietnam veteran the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. Reagan also acted as next-of-kin and accepted the interment flag at the end of the ceremony.

The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to the nation's unidentified war dead. It is watched over 24 hours a day by a military honor guard. The Vietnam remains are buried in a separate crypt between two other crypts containing World War II and Korean War unknowns. They are in a row, directly in front of a sarcophagus containing remains of a World War I unknown.

SECURITY blotter

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30

12:46 AM	Disruptive party, Bundy East
1:06 AM	Disruptive party, Bundy East
4:00 AM	Disorderly students in Minor Hall
4:30 AM	Fire call at Bundy East, small bonfire
8:15 AM	Minor motor vehicle accident, Pub Visitors Lot
8:18 PM	Fire alarm in Keene, malfunction
8:24 PM	Medical emergency at Fieldhouse

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12:11 AM	Disruptive party, Bundy East
12:20 AM	Disruptive party, Milbank
12:40 AM	Alcohol violation, Bundy East
7:37 AM	Fire alarm in Science Building, malfunction
9:43 AM	Fire alarm in Saunders House, pulled alarm
9:26 PM	Alcohol violation, Saunders House
10:05 PM	Criminal mischief at Burke Library, window damaged by pellet gun

SATURDAY, MAY 2

12:20 AM	Fire alarm in South, malfunction
12:27 AM	Fire alarm in Dunham, malfunction
2:25 AM	Fire alarm in Dunham, discharged fire extinguisher
4:37 AM	Fire alarm in Saunders, burnt food
1:08 PM	Fire alarm in Dunham, discharged fire extinguisher
7:00 PM	Vandalism of college property at Bundy East
9:30 PM	Larceny of money from Bundy East
10:30 PM	Minor property damage accident at ELS
11:39 PM	Fire alarm in Milbank, discharged fire extinguisher

SUNDAY, MAY 3

12:45 AM	Student assaulted at Bundy Dining Hall

MONDAY, MAY 4

12:54 AM	Vandalism of personal property at North
1:00 AM	Disorderly students in Bundy West
7:05 AM	Fire alarm in Science Building, dust in the detector
7:24 AM	Medical emergency at South
7:45 AM	Vandalism of college property at Alumni Gym
2:00 PM	Alcohol violation at DKE house

TUESDAY, MAY 5

no incidents reported

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

12:14 AM	Fire alarm in Griffin Road apartments, steam from a humidifier
5:30 PM	Report of concern for welfare
5:40 PM	Medical emergency at Bristol Campus Center
9:25 PM	Vandalism of college property at ELS
9:58 PM	Medical emergency at MacIntosh

THURSDAY, MAY 7

12:35 AM Vandalism of college property at South

Delta Upsilon establishes scholarship

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity has established an endowed scholarship for students attending the college. Recognition of the new scholarship took place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the former Delta Upsilon House on Campus Road.

In awarding the annual scholarship, preference will be given to members of the fraternity who are in good academic standing and who demonstrate financial need.

The fraternity also created an endowed fund at the college to assist with the operations of the undergraduate chapter. It will be utilized with preference given to activities that encourage participation in national fraternity programs and other programs that promote leadership development. The fund also may be used for new-member education programs.

"Hamilton is grateful that the members of Delta Upsilon have sought to strengthen the college with valuable scholarship support, while at the same time providing leadership opportunities and training for the undergraduate chapter," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "The type of investment the chapter is making in its members and in its programs is a strategy we hope other private societies at Hamilton will adopt in the future."

"The process for us was an easy transition and good one for the students," said Thomas Morris, a 1981 Hamilton graduate and the fraternity's alumni president. "It shows the administration is willing to accept the viability of societies on the Hamilton campus."

The Hamilton Chapter of Delta Upsilon fraternity was established in 1847. Both "The Delta Upsilon Fraternity Scholarship Fund" and "The Delta Upsilon Fraternity Membership Development Fund" were established with the proceeds from the sale of the chapter's house to the college in 1996.

ABC House celebrates 25th anniversary of aiding teens

BY KATHERINE BEAULIER '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many people wonder what goes on behind the doors of the 'A Better Chance' (ABC) housing project, located on Campus Road behind the BETA house.

ABC has been working to improve the lives of teens and young adolescents for the past two decades and will be recognized for its accomplishments this week as it celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The ABC project was founded in 1972 through the efforts of concerned community members and Hamilton College students in an attempt to address the needs of troubled teens and young adolescents lacking strong parental figures.

Through organized planning, ABC established a program in which male high school students from the surrounding Clinton community are offered the opportunity to live with male college students from Hamilton.

Students interested in the program participate in an intense interviewing and training process before moving into the ABC house to act as mentors and role models. Their duties require that they spend large amounts of time with their young students and aid them in their studies.

These standards still exist today, and the eight males currently residing in the ABC house as part of the project remain actively involved and committed to spending time with their young peers. They set aside 7:00 to 9:30 every Sunday through Thursday night to study with their students and invest themselves in positively influencing the lives of the young males they mentor.

Along with student volunteers, Resident Advisers live in the ABC house and participate in the daily activities of the boys living there as well. Beginning with Gilbert Adams and his wife who first acted as Resident Advisors in 1972, there has been a long line of community involvement in the house. Local figures often take on this role and devote their time to helping others.

The accomplishments of the ABC project are impressive and the results tremendous. The project strongly represents the quality programs being produced through the joint efforts of the local community and Hamilton College and the hard work of all the participants involved.

On the brink of its twenty-fifth anniversary ABC still maintains its tradition of helping others and its high standards of excellence.

The services it has offered to the local community are invaluable and it will remain a landmark of Hamilton volunteer work into the coming year.

CIA speaker enthralls audience in Chapel

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as an analyst in the CIA entails a lot of discussion, haggling, and sorting out information. He was a very animated speaker. His energy seemed to spring from a genuine love of his work. He loves discussing issues and haggling over points with his coworkers, which makes his job a perfect fit.

Part of Clement's job is to occasionally present briefs to top advisors and Cabinet officials. His reports become the official CIA reports on certain topics. Clement recalled that in the 1980s bureau members wrote fifty to sixty page reports on a daily basis. But upon realizing that no one was reading that much literature, reports were reduced to ten to twenty pages, each beginning with a one to two page summary of the issue.

Clement also held an afternoon classroom-style discussion at 4 pm in the Red Pit. He spoke on the future of Russia and the implications for the US and the rest of the world. He remarked that the future of Russia is unknown. It is difficult to predict even ten years into the future; just ten years ago the US was still embroiled in the Cold War. Clement said that it was too soon to call the upcoming elections in 2000, because there's no clear candidate and Yeltsin may or may not live that long. He asked students what variables would influence the future of Russia. Students suggested Yeltsin's successor, public opinion, the economy, organized crime, and magnates, all of which he verified as relevant concerns. He later commented that he was impressed with the caliber of the students and their insightful comments.

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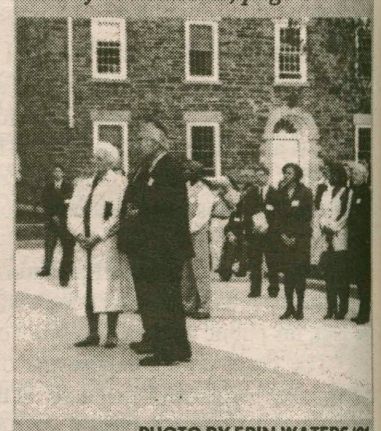

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Trustees and Parents Advisory Council members gathered on North Quad last weekend.

This year, Massolo has been invited back to the board of trustees for a six year appointment. He and his wife were recognized last week not only for their contributions to Hamilton, but for his efforts in Chicago as well.

He has brought LINK students to campus, in hopes of them enrolling here. In this way, he truly is providing a critical "link" to the future and to the education of the children of his community.

LECTURES

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Friday: 7 pm & 11 pm APPRENTICE: feature-length motion picture, produced, written, directed, scored, and filmed by (and starring) Hamilton students- with a few special appearances by members of the Hamilton faculty and staff! Sponsored by the Office of the President, The Office of Student Activities, and The Office of Auxiliary and Contract Services. Kirner-Johnson Auditorium.

Sunday and Monday: *McCabe and Mrs. Miller* (USA '71) will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

ARTS

Exhibitions: Senior Art Projects will be on display from April 20 to May 24. It is an exhibition of works by senior art concentrators. Hours are: Monday - Friday from 12-5 pm; Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 pm in Emerson Gallery.

Friday and Saturday: Senior Projects in Dance and Theater will be presented at 8 pm in Minor Theatre. Sponsored by the Departments of Theatre and Dance.

Saturday: 7 pm Student Concert: Performances by voice and instrumental students of the Department of Music. Sponsored by the Department of Music. Wellin Hall, Schambach Center.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: 3 pm Class and Charter Day Awards Ceremony. Chapel.

Friday: 5-11 pm Special Event: Laser Tag. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Science Quad.

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Students learn the ropes in the Glen

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

As its Class Gift, the senior class of 1996 donated a high ropes course to the Hamilton community. The ropes course is located in the Root Glen near the Minor Field entrance. However, don't think that you can go out and use the course any time you feel like defying gravity. The Ropes Course is just that, a course, and I spoke with Andrew Jillings, the man who runs it, about what exactly it consists of. Jillings was hired by the college last August to coordinate the use of the ropes elements by various groups, ranging from sports teams to science classes to fraternity pledge classes. Since then, he has taught the ropes course and used his extensive experience with climbing courses to add new elements to it.

Jillings begins his course by working with groups on the low elements, those that are closest to the ground. The purpose of the first few activities is mainly to build trust and confidence within the group. "Usually, we'll start on the field and play games, so that people will feel more relaxed." From this stage, the group will move on to working through initiatives, which are problems that must be solved by the entire group. One of the most interesting initiatives is the Spider's Web, which consists of a lot of strings strung between two trees to form a web. The team must get every person in the group from one side of the web to the other, passing each member through a different gap in the strings, and making sure that no one touches any of the strings on the way through. The temptation to bend the rules and forego starting over when someone touches a string is great. Jillings says, "I never need to watch to see if someone has hit the ropes. As soon as it happens, everyone's heads shoot in my direction to see if I've noticed." The initiatives also lead to interesting discussions about following rules and morality.

Some of the initiatives are less intricate. One consists only of a log resting on the ground. Four people line up at each end of the log, and each group of four must get to the other end of the log, around the other group, without touching the ground. These activities teach groups how to communicate and cooperate with each other, since the initiatives can't be completed without doing these things.

Once the team has built up their trust and cooperation, those who feel comfortable with the high rope elements can begin their ascents. The high ropes course consists of five main elements. The Multi-vine traverse is a high rope that must be traversed while holding onto ropes that hang down from cables strung above the rope. The catwalk consists of a log attached to two trees. The two-line bridge consists of three ropes, one for standing on and two for hanging onto. The Pamper Pole, so named because it makes you feel like you need pampers, is a pole with hand and footholds on the sides and a platform at the top. Once course members reach the top, they can attempt to jump and grab a trapeze that hangs several feet away, or jump and hit a ball that hangs an equal distance away. The jump is difficult because of the unsteady nature of the pole when someone is standing on the platform. The Dangle Duo is a series of horizontal boards held together by vertical ropes that can be climbed by two people simultaneously, who must help each other complete their climbs. Jillings hopes that the high ropes course provides a challenge for everyone from the most fearful of heights to experienced climbers.

The course is a valuable resource that brings groups closer together and teaches people a lot about cooperation, rules and trust. The course has been utilized by many student groups, and also by groups from off campus. This Saturday, Jillings plans on giving the course to a group of students from Clinton Middle School. He hopes that the number of groups that take advantage of the course will continue to grow, since it makes future projects that the groups engage in much more fruitful due to this shared experience. "Even if a group has a terrible time, they'll remember that guy who took them to the woods." Anyone who is interested in having a group of people experience the ropes course can contact Andrew Jillings at 859-4272 to arrange a time.

Terry Brooks returns

By Emily Hill '01
FEATURES WRITER

New York Times best-selling author Terry Brooks returned to Hamilton Wednesday night for the first time in over thirty years. Brooks graduated in '66 and had not been back since his graduation. Upon taking the microphone in the Events Barn, Brooks remarked that much has changed since his college years. Brooks said the most noticeable changes were the presence of women, and all the new buildings, such as Beinecke and The Little Pub. The Barn resonated with laughter when he said that the newest dorm was Dunham, and the big issue on campus was compulsory chapel. Times have clearly changed, Brooks noted. He began by saying that he wanted to "touch on something that [the students] might take away with [them] in some way." Brooks wanted to give hope to current students that they would be successful someday, because if he "could make it, anyone can," referring to how poorly he claimed to have done as a Hamilton undergraduate.

Reflecting on college was a unique task for him, because he said he rarelythought about what he learned during those challenging years. Brooks admitted that while he "did not takemuch away (of academic value) from Hamilton that would be of use in the outside world," he did say that he learned about himself as a person. "College is a time of sorting through choices and finding out what works for you," Brooks remarked. It is also about "coming to terms with who you are, and deciding what you want to do with your life." He read often, and realized that he was interested in long, epic fantasy stories. He had "found his voice," which is "essential to all writers."

After graduating from Hamilton with a B.A. in English, Brooks was disillusioned about writing, so he "put writing aside as an avocation," and decided to go to law school. It was there, during his sophomore year, that he began his first book, *Sword of Shannara*. He practiced law for seventeen years before realizing that he wanted to do something else. Reading volumes of law cases frustrated him; he yearned to take action. It was then that he sent his first book off to be published. By a stroke of luck, the second publishing company he sent it to agreed to publish the five hundred page manuscript. That is, after twenty pages of revisions. Brooks declared that publishing is made up of three parts : 1/3 talent, 1/3 hard work, and 1/3 luck. In his case he said he got very lucky. However, this was only a start.

It took several more years before he began to get more books published. It took a complete disaster of a book, of which he made countless revisions under the scrutinizing eye of his publisher, before he really became successful. As Brooks said, "I

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RILEY'S

Occasional Ramblings

Where's the real intelligence?

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

It was comforting to learn from the talk on artificial intelligence that computers still have a long way to go before they become as smart as we are. For now, all they can be are speedy drones who do the things that our big brains are too lazy to do. On the other hand, though, it might be better if we had smarter computers that refused to stoop to the level of some of the moronic tasks we make them complete.

"All I want out of life is to play on an endless expanse of blue styrofoam, but you can't do that in real life," Betty complained to her mom one day. So her mom went to work and made her one that she could look at on her computer. When Betty was mad at her brother, she told her mom that she wanted to pull his nose out with a rusty pair of plyers. Her mom told her that she couldn't do that because she would be put in a juvenile detention center, which would go on her permanent record and definitely keep her from getting into Harvard. Instead, her mom told her she'd make a movie of Betty pulling out her brothers nose with a pair of rusty plyers by editing old movie footage from a family picnic.

She complained to her friend Agnes when they were at the Water pill dispenser at work. "How do you say no to kids? They're just so darn cute, and they're real too. I tell them that they aren't allowed to use drug simulations until after dinner, but they look so sad, and they cry real tears, and throw real mashed potatoes at the walls. It's just too much stimulation."

"You just need to set limits and stick to them, June. Tell them they can play with their cigarette games in the afternoon, but they have to finish their homework before they can start hallucinating. That will make them happy. The computer can make you happy, too. This virtual reality business is the best thing that's come around this cesspool in a while. Why, Ted and I never really, well, you know, anymore since we subscribed to the Swedish Sex Exchange. You really have to come over and try out my masseur, Hans."

"But I want real things, real disgusting things, like snot and semen and resin and that stuff I cough up in the morning. I like that stuff, it's life, dammit!"

"June, that's hardly a realistic way for a mature adult to look at things. After all, if virtual reality had been around when your parents were starting a family, your mom would have been having sex with a Bavarian circus strongman, and your dad would have cavorted with nymphs from Atlantis, and you wouldn't be here making a scene and spilling coffee on my nice new hemp skirt. Maybe it would be good if we were to, uh, just talk over e-mail and not at the office anymore, just so that you can come to appreciate the new technology, dear. You know my address, it's agnesarthur@mansion12B*.erg. Now go tidy yourself up for when you go home to your keyboard and kids."

If computers get much more intelligent, they're going to start refusing to do things if they don't see any intellectual merit in them. One day you'll go on the internet to search for the largest site of blonde jokes ever, and your computer will refuse and take you to the Miss Manners homepage instead. The next time you're writing a paper and just trying to find word after word to fill up space, the computer will just sto.....

FACES IN THE CROWD

Ashley Merriman '98

By Shauna Wreschner '00
FEATURES WRITER

Ashley Merriman '98 arrived at Hamilton from Center Sandwich, a small town in New Hampshire. She attended St. Mark's School in Massachusetts, and brought with her a desire to help people and a love of sports.

Ashley recently completed her fourth season on the Hamilton Women's Basketball Team. Ashley began playing basketball when she was very young, and continued on through middle school, high school and college. "I lived in a small town," she said, " and played on a co-ed soccer team. One day after the practice, the boys were told to stay after practice. That day the boys were told they were going to start a basketball team; my best friend and I got mad because there was not going to be a girl's team. We ended up playing on the boys' team."

The other major factor in Ashley's life on campus is her work with the Rainbow Alliance, which she has been coordinating since the second semester of her first year. She first began working for homosexual rights after completing an internship the summer before her junior year at Hamilton.

That summer Merriman interned at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in New York City, where alumnus Richard Burns '74 was Executive Director. She spent her time there in the Public Policy Department and learned a great deal about her interests and herself.

Merriman recounts, "It was fantastic. I worked primarily on two programs. The first program was 'Center Kids' which was a family program. It entailed working on referrals for queer parents who were having issues with adoption, custody battles and artificial insemination. The other program was a voter registration drive, called 'Promote the Vote.' I learned a lot working and living in such a diverse atmosphere. I learned a lot about myself and what I love to do and what I am capable of."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Ashley Merriman '98 first got involved in fighting for gay rights after working as an intern for the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in New York City.

During the same summer Ashley received what she considered "a big honor" for her. Merriman was selected to go to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force(NGLTF) Youth Training Leadership Institute. The Institute was made up of 23 young adults from across the nation "who demonstrated leadership skills or potential in queer communities". For Merriman it was a life changing experience that gave her a new perspective on what she was learning about at Hamilton as a Women's Studies Major.

Ashley does not regret attending Hamilton, as she looks back on her time here. She did not "come out" until she came to college, and was upset when she first realized how conservative the school was. However, soon she found her niche and made friends on the Hill.

""I definitely want to be doing community organizing for social justice organizations," stated Ashley when asked about her post-graduation plans. "I've thought of returning to the place I interned at, but it's difficult for me to get into because of the small size and budget of the organization. But I know the right thing will happen." We wish her the best of luck after graduation and hope that she continues in her philanthropic ventures.

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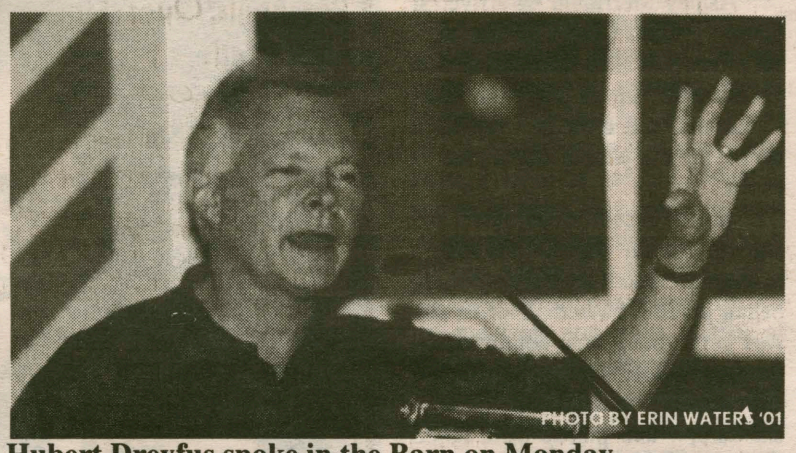
Artificial intelligence has a lot to learn

By Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

Hubert Dreyfus, a resident Professor of Philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley, came to speak on the subject of artificial intelligence. Dreyfus is an expert in the field of phenomenology and has written two books, titled *What Computers Still Can't Do* and *A Critique of Artificial Reason*. His lecture was a comforting reassurance that computers are still not as intelligent as humans, and that they have a long way to go before they become so, if such a thing is even possible.

Dreyfus compared our intelligence with that of the smartest computers in terms of the five stages of skill. At the novice stage, a person or computer knows the features and rules that are necessary for engaging in a particular activity. For example, a novice driver has learned the rules of the road and understands the operation of a car theoretically, but is unable to execute the act of driving very well. At the second stage, advanced beginner, a person or computer begins to understand more aspects and maxims of the activity he or she is practicing. For example, an advanced beginning driver knows how much pressure to apply to the brake and gas pedals for different amounts of acceleration and deceleration, and knows how far to turn the steering wheel to navigate different curves. When a person or computer reaches the third stage of skill, competence, he or she is able to devote brain activity to planning his or her actions in order to reach a certain goal. For example, a competent driver is able to think about the destination of his or her trip while safely carrying out the act of driving. As of yet, no computer has been made which can engage in any activity at a level higher than competence.



Hubert Dreyfus spoke in the Barn on Monday.

It has been found that in order for humans to reach the fourth level of competence, proficiency, they must be emotionally involved in the activity they are partaking in. Proficient drivers can both see their goal, the place they wish to drive to, and calculate what they must do to get there in advance of each separate action they take. As a consequence of involving their brains to this degree in the driving process, proficient drivers perform a great number of their driving actions subconsciously. At the expert level, which most drivers who have obtained a license operate at, the thoughts behind our actions become subconscious to a much greater degree. In each situation that we encounter on the road, we respond before we consciously realize the correct response.

Computers depend on preprogrammed facts and rules to choose their courses of action. Past the level of competence, we do not fully understand the thought processes that decide our courses of action. Therefore, when experts are asked to devise rules by which a computer can perform a certain action, such as playing a game of chess, "Rather than using rules he no longer remembers, the expert remembers rules he no longer uses." The only rules that an expert chess player is aware of are those that he utilized when he or she was in the first three stages of skill. Beyond that, the rules by which a Chess Grand Master plays are all subconscious.

Some members of the audience inquired about the example of Deep Blue, the chess-playing computer that was able to beat the Chess Grand Master Garry Kasparov. This act was only possible because of the nature of Grand Master Chess, in which each player has only a certain amount of time to choose his or her move. While human brains have 50 trillion times as much storage space as computers, and are at least 1,000 times more complex, computer brains are 1 billion times as fast as human brains. Whereas a human expert chess player relies on intuition to choose the next move, and will often see his or her hand moving towards a certain piece before he or she is conscious of what the next move should be, a computer can quickly analyze thousands of scenarios resulting from each possible move and choose the one that it sees will produce the best result.

However, a computer has yet to be made that has an understanding of deep forms of thought. Until we learn a great deal more about how our mind directs actions subconsciously, we will be unable to create artificial intelligence which equals our own.

Brooks

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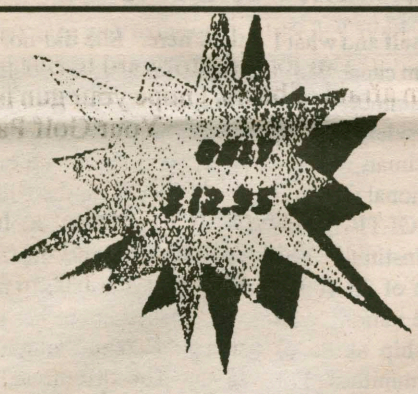
got beat up on early and often," but it made him learn quickly to become a good writer.

During the question and answer period, Brooks was asked what type of books he enjoyed reading. He responded with a bit of advice for aspiring writers. He believes that one should read anything and everything, because it is only by reading books one would not normally read, that one becomes a better, more informed writer. His wide audience appeal is due to the fact that he is "middle of the road in terms of fantasy writers," and this he attributes to his diverse reading habits.

In addition, Brooks goes to the symphony, where he sits among all the "sleeping people" and listens to the music, which "suggests things to him." He revealed that as a writer "you live all your life with one foot in two worlds." It is often hard for him to separate the real world from the world in his story, because he is constantly thinking about it.

Brooks has written an adaptation of one of the Star Wars movies, which will hit the shelves soon. It is one of his biggest ventures, and should be right up there with his best. The author finished up his engaging talk with an offer to sign books and answer individual questions. Judging from the number of people who had books stacked up by their seats, he was around for quite some time after his speech.



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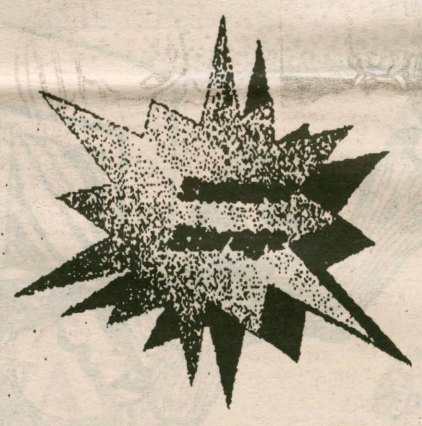

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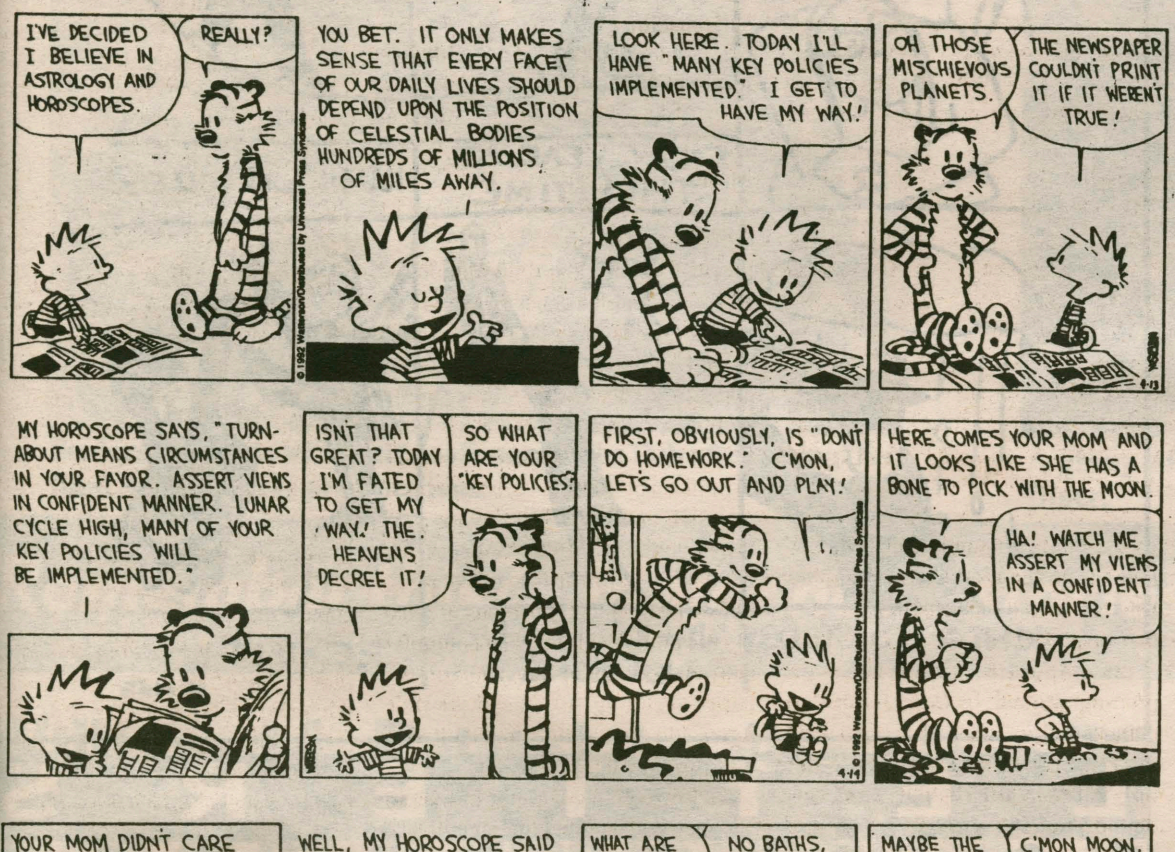
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LOOK HERE. TODAY I'LL HAVE "MANY KEY POLICIES IMPLEMENTED." I GET TO HAVE MY WAY!
OH THOSE MISCHIEVOUS PLANETS.
THE NEWSPAPER COULDN'T PRINT IT IF IT WEREN'T TRUE!
MY HOROSCOPE SAYS, "TURN-ABOUT MEANS CIRCUMSTANCES IN YOUR FAVOR. ASSERT VIEWS IN CONFIDENT MANNER. LUNAR CYCLE HIGH, MANY OF YOUR KEY POLICIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."
ISN'T THAT GREAT? TODAY I'M FATED TO GET MY WAY! THE HEAVENS DECREE IT!
SO WHAT ARE YOUR "KEY POLICIES?"
FIRST, OBVIOUSLY, IS "DON'T DO HOMEWORK." C'MON, LET'S GO OUT AND PLAY!
HERE COMES YOUR MOM AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS A BONE TO PICK WITH THE MOON.
HA! WATCH ME ASSERT MY VIEWS IN A CONFIDENT MANNER!
YOUR MOM DIDN'T CARE MUCH ABOUT THE LUNAR SANCTION OF YOUR NO-HOMEWORK POLICY, DID SHE?
HMPH.
WELL, MY HOROSCOPE SAID "MANY KEY POLICIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED," NOT ALL OF THEM. BESIDES, IT SAYS TO EXPECT A TURNABOUT IN MY FAVOR. MOM WILL RELENT NEXT TIME FOR SURE.
WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER KEY POLICIES THEN?
NO BATHS, STAY UP LATE, DON'T GO TO SCHOOL... THESE ARE THE ONES THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.
MAYBE THE ASTROLOGER WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END OF THE TELESCOPE.
C'MON MOON, DO YOUR STUFF!

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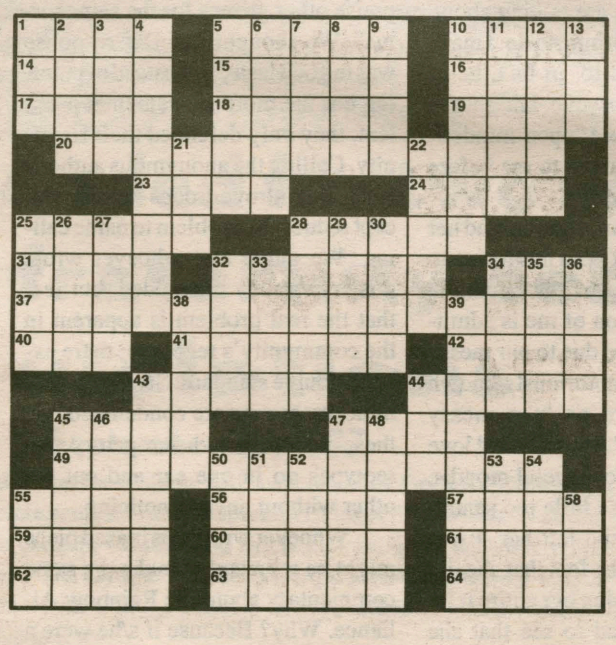

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-Kevin Cotter, crew coach

"It's humid, I don't want to deal with things like pants."
-Adam Craigie '01

"My bra size is the same as my room number!"
-overherad at the General Housing Lottery

"I read a book so I could do it better."
-Darren Block '01

"That was the most ass I've gotten in three weeks."
-Rob Singer '99, after performing CPR on a mannequin

PERSONALS

My Little Flower,
You are the best psychic I know. Thanks for all the advice over the year. I'm looking forward to our jaunt into the unknown. I'm afraid of bears, I hope your gun is loaded.
Your Golf Partner

El Dopa,
If I am the poison you were always meant to take then you are the chance I was always supposed to take...but didn't because my mom told me it was bad for my health. Arrrrrr....hug a whale.
Love,
the queen

B.A.,
What is wrong with you? You deceived me. I'm sorry I ever played your stupid game. It was fun while it lasted, but you still have a lot to learn. You are lucky I got it! By the way, do you know what time it is?
Love,
Diana

Dear Jimmy and Tommy,
Only time will tell. We will reveal our true identity next week.
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EDITORIAL

The memory game

Memories are such fickle things. When you really need them, for instance, during a final exam, they constantly elude you. When you attempt to block them out, they persist in occupying your mind. As we prepare to leave the campus, some for the summer, some forever, we struggle to figure out how to hold on to the things we hold most dear - memories of our time at Hamilton.

"We forget all too soon the things we thought we could never forget."
--Joan Didion

For years we live with the same people, they become like family and know all of the most intimate and trivial details of our lives, right down to the characteristic way in which we brush our teeth. Amazingly, though, somehow specific memories of our times with these people slip through the cracks of our minds. The crucial experiences of our jolting freshman years have dulled to a faint trace of faces, feelings, and fears. What do we still hold on to?

"We do not remember days, we remember moments."
--Cesare Pavese

The idiosyncrasies and trivialities of our memories have gone, but what we are left with are the moments of realization; epiphanies, if you will. The moment when you realized that you really could make it on your own; when you realized that you could possibly find friends at Hamilton as special as those from home; when you came to terms with the fact that maybe you didn't need to go home so badly anymore; when you felt in control of your own life. Time dulls memories, but nothing takes away moments. They are emotionally charged and comprise who you are today. Memories of the things that have happened to you keep you grounded about who you are-your future is tied to your past, and every step you take is based upon the ones you have already made.

"Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things."
--Cicero

What memories spring to mind when we think of our time at Hamilton? For the class of 1998, the answer is much different than for the underclassmen. The senior class is graduating, and taking with them the last traces of memory about the Res. Life decision. It is only they who have an emotional connection to the change, who put their heart into standing up for something they believed in as a cohesive class. While it is unfortunate that the underclassmen seem not to have the angst and fervor that it takes to rally around an issue, as evidenced by the lack of any sort of controversy lately, perhaps we need to move on to another issue deserving of our emotional involvement. Many of the seniors take away with them memories of protesting in tents on the quad, and the feelings that accompanied standing up for what they believed in. The underclassmen need to take a stand on things that concern us and create moments for ourselves; moments when we realize that we have learned more than just friendships and class materials, but that we have learned how to be individuals. It cannot, however, be any old issue. Creating controversy for the sake of controversy is ludicrous. We must follow our hearts, let our emotions guide us to uphold our principles, our beliefs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Machera defends his "open-mindedness"

To the Editor:

I feel compelled to say a couple things in response to Katherine Wasilenko's response to my article. Her initial feelings regarding what she considered to be a contradiction in my article seem to stem from the name of the article. I did not write the title (Born in America and Damn Proud of it). It was written by an editor and I was, quite frankly, disappointed in the choice as it was, in fact, the exact opposite of what I was trying to say.

As for the moral outrage which she displayed at my comment about the French, I stick by my statement that nobody cares about them. It was meant to be funny. When I wrote my article, I was going by the assumption that the reader had a semi-developed sense of humor. Apparently I was mistaken.

Her charge that I am narrow-minded is particularly what I want to respond to here. Not only is it irresponsible to throw such accusations around without even knowing the person whom you are talking about, it is a mean sprited thing to do. I make a conscious effort to, in fact, be as open minded as possible. I might say that it would be more "open-minded" for her to have spoken to me before she called me ignorant.

I also sensed an anger behind her letter which I think I can illuminate to readers not aware of the situation. Katherine's opinion of me is admittedly a little tainted due to our messy breakup in 1995, notoriously known in our hometown as "the messy breakup of 1995." After a torrid love affair that lasted for several months, I felt that she was a little too sanctimonious for me and left her. I was also bothered by the fact that she did not laugh once during our entire relationship. I am sad to see that she remains lonely and heart-broken and obviously saw her letter as an opportunity for revenge.

open-mindedly,
Chris Machera

"Broad generalizations are dangerous; where do we draw the line"

Dear Editor:

Before beginning our argument, we wish to make it clear that neither of us are brothers of a fraternity. However, we both were disturbed by the flyer left on the dining hall tables that labeled the brothers of two fraternities, DU and Psi U, as stupid, sexist, and violent. What disturbed us even more was the apathy of much of the student body regarding the anonymous literary assault. If a pamphlet criticized and stereotyped another student organization, say the BLSU or the Rainbow Alliance, the campus would be rightly up in arms.

Where do we draw the line when accepting groups in society? Why do we openly stereotype and condemned some groups for their originality, yet praise other groups for the same virtue? We thought the DU response was in good taste, but instead of pointing out the more fundamental problem, they only defended their fraternity. Calling the anonymous author a loser and introvert does nothing except reduce the problem to name calling. We agree that whoever wrote this is certainly misguided, but feel that the real problem is apparent in the community's response; there exists a double standard. Stereotypes of minority groups are condemned, yet these insulting and derogatory stereotypes go in one ear and out the other without anyone noticing.

Whoever wrote this biased piece might be reluctant to make the same commentary about the Rainbow Alliance. Why? Because if s/he were a homophobe and did just that, all hell would break loose; if a flyer that depicted all gay men as femmes and all lesbian women as butch were left on the dining hall tables, our campus would be in an uproar. Both fraternities and the Rainbow Alliance are student organizations; both contribute to the campus in various ways. They both profess opposition to typical campus apathy, yet slander against one group is received with relative equanimity while slander against another is received with outrage.

Obviously, these organizations do not have the same objectives or memberships. Nor do we believe open, malevolent criticisms about either group to be correct or beneficial to Hamilton. But they are both groups of individuals that contribute to our community. Broad stereotypes are dangerous and the result of uninformed extremists; anyone who attempts to deny a member of a group individuality because of that membership is no better than a racist, a homophobe, or an anti-Semite. As a community, we should become aware of the double standards that exist.

Benjamin Zoll '99
Nathaniel Waterman '98

CAP discussion and proposal clarification

To the editor:

I would just like clarify a comment made in Katherine Beaulier's article last week regarding the CAP panel discussion and academic proposal. Goals eight and nine of the propsal deal with students learning about multicultural and ethical issues. The wording of the article may have caused confusion over that point and I just wanted to clarify it for the readers. Copies of the proposal are available in the Dean of Faculty's office.

David Carlson '01
Class Representative

For the Class of 1998 it's time to leave the Hill, the memories...

Seniors celebrate with their professors at the Pub after giving their final Senior Thesis presentations.

A group of Seniors savoring one of their last meals at the Howard Diner.

Remember this?...Major news stories over the past four years

William M. Bristol Jr. dies after 70 years of dedication to Hamilton

October 28, 1994

Bristol, graduate of the class of 1917, "was a president of the Alumni Association, as well as a life trustee of the college. He helped to fund the Alumni Gymnasium and was involved in the construction of the Bristol Campus Center and the Alumni Association. His servitude and accomplishments are recognized by the College, and everyday by students.

Mannequin throwing incident at hockey game met with disapproval by community

December 2, 1994

"An incident in which an inflatable female African-American mannequin was thrown onto the rink at a Hamilton ice hockey game on Saturday, November 19 has sparked anger and concern among students, faculty, and administration...In addition to the mannequin, a hollow melon filled with live lab mice was also thrown onto the ice." Said professor Shelley P. Haley, "'The student body at Hamilton needs to be more aware of the implications. many people were offended by the doll.'"

Trustees announce Res. Life decision: Private societies lose houses, College to open new residence halls

March 6, 1995, Extra Edition

"Emotions among students ran high during the announcement, with comments and questions being interrupted by frequent rounds of applause and the occasional sounds and hissing. Some muffled booing could be heard as Kennedy announced that effective next semester, all students will be required to live on campus and fraternity members will no longer be allowed to live in their houses." Senior Gretchen Randall was quoted as saying, "I'm going to have no social life now" and Nadia Fuller '98 wondered, "Where are we going to live? It was too crowded this year ['95]!"

DKE suspended for two years: College, fraternity debate details, violations

September 26, 1997

"President Tobin announced on Monday that the College had suspended the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity for two years because of a DKE-sponsored social event on Friday, September 5 involving two erotic dancers in a Bundy social space...The fraternity hired two erotic dancers - Dallas and Michelle - from the Absolute XXX-Posure agency to simulate sexual activity with each other while completely nude as surprise entertainment for DKE brothers. Brothers claimed that 'we were in full accordance with College policies and procedures.' Senior Ashley Merriman '98 said, "It was wrong for Tobin to dictate what is lewd."

Hamilton opens new residence halls: More than 150 students living in Rogers, Saunders, TDX, Farmhouse

September 1, 1995

"...These additions were created as part of The Report of the Committee on Residential Life. Each of these new residence halls feature fully remodeled rooms, new furniture, and eating facilities." Tobin excitedly commented, "It is unquestionably some of the most interesting, innovative, and exciting housing anywhere in the U.S."

Powell to speak in fieldhouse: April date set as part of 'Great Names Series'

January 26, 1996

"Retired U.S. Army General Colin L. Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, will present the inaugural address in the recently established 'Great Names Series.' The Great Names Series at Hamilton was established by college trustees as part of the Residential Life Study announced last spring."

Little Pub opens with big bang

February 9, 1996

"After four years of heated debate, countless investigations and ill-attended 'Pub Nights' in Bristol, the highly anticipated 'Little Pub' finally opened its doors to the Hamilton population at 4:00 pm yesterday afternoon." For those of you who may not yet have visited the Pub, be advised that Professor John O'Neill was quoted as saying, "'I'd like nothing better than to sit in front of the fire with a quiet pint and one of my students. In fact, I'd even buy.'"

SENIOR MEMORIES
Looking back over four years

Hamilton highlights: remembering the good times, a college adventure

By Jaime C. Tackett '98

August 1994 seems like an eternity ago in so many ways. My hair was short, my boots were new, and my spirits were high! I was ready to conquer the world, or at least Hamilton College. In retrospect, I hadn't the foggiest notion what college would be like, but I hoped it would include a group of friends that I could rely on. Through the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, friends HAVE been the one constant of my time on the Hill. Each year has been a completely different experience for me: socially, academically, and even spiritually. Despite the randomness of my adventures, I can say with complete honesty that this has been an amazing journey for me. I came to college knowing it all. I'm graduating with the knowledge that I have a lot to learn!

There are so many silly little memories that I never want to forget. Sooo. . . I decided to make a list. Some of these items probably make sense to only a select few. However, I'm certain that many of you can relate to a majority of them. Enjoy!

Great things at, about,and because of Ham Tech during the last four years:
-friends
-the Little Pub
-DU house(or should I say Mildred)
-Minor
-South
-late nights in the library w/friends
-naps under study carrols
-naps on study carrols
-naps between study carrols
-free laser printing in the Computer Center
-email
-sunsets over Minor field
-McEwen Ice Cream Raids
-C&D
-Reunions
-Glen parties
-ELS parties freshman year
-wonderful roommates
-midnight mass in the chapel
-Buddhists and Beaches
-Keehn dinners
-Great Names
-Cafe Theologique
-Intermural Ice Hockey
-road trips
-Breakfast at Tiffany's
-Tony's, Roma's, the Al-Ham,
-Rok, VT, Nell's, and yes even the Garden
-Adirondack Adventure
-Cafe Opus
-residence hall fireplaces that work
-campus dogs
-the McEwen Rock
-Semester in Washington
-the internet in our rooms
-Aerobics
-Halloween parties
-Minor theatre productions
-Newman dinners
-scavenger hunts
-braids by Janice
-snowtubing
-cigars on the Roger's patio
-fishing hole
-Cuttyhunk
-the Glen
-philosophical conversations
-pool
-Panorama
-cherry coke at the diner
-CAB
-opportunities to get involved
-hide and seek in KJ
-thoughtful advisees
-Trust Treat
-cooking dinner with friends
-Bobby Peru
-the chapel
-a middle mailbox for four years
-The Diner
-Matt and Eric
-Mission Impossible
-Skantinentals and other groups I'm sure I'm forgetting
-A Capella Concerts
-Buffergrams
-summertime on the Hill
-the tallest blue spruce
-DanceWorks
-Best Buddies
-snowmen in my room
-"Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
-HAVOC
-decorating Al Ham
-pub lunch
-Outing Club Equipment
-Saranac AND Utica Club
-Essie
-never dealing with the housing lottery
-Alumni

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

"A journey of 1,000 miles must begin with a single step."
-Chinese Proverb

"Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity."
-Aristotle

"Parting is all we know of heaven, And all we need of hell."
-Emily Dickinson

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

"All good things must come to an end."
-Proverb

Parting advice: Stop complaining and do something about it

By Craig J. Conard '98

I really can't believe four years has gone by. Sometimes it seems as if Freshman year orientation was just yesterday, some days it feels as if it happened another life-time ago. Nevertheless, I am a different person because of my experiences here at Hamilton. As a graduating senior, I am afforded a perspective that many of you will not know until you are in my shoes, three weeks from graduation. I see life differently now, definetly not the same way that a certain bespeckled, pimple-faced, naive Freshman did four years ago. The way I see it, the world is like my oyster, and I can do whatever I want with it.

I have two pieces of advice for both present and future Hamiltonians. One, stop complaining and take action. If you see something wrong with this school, then talk to someone in SA, speak with President Tobin during his open hours, DO SOMETHING. Do not just sit there and complain about everything. Get off your ass and do something about it. Secondly, don't stress so much about the little things. You are young, bright individuals with the rest of your lives to look forward to. Don't fret about the little things; trust me, you will have bigger and better things to worry about later in life.

Lastly, some personal notes. NW, DF, SM, CVE, CG, JT, MT, SO: Friends like you make life so much more enjoyable. Thanks for the memories. I will never forget you. HCAYS '97: ¡Viva España! To my McIntosh friends: thanks for the laughs. To everyone I have every met: A little piece of you will lie with me forever. Lastly, to Mom, Dad, Scott, and Christen: If it weren't for you, I would not be where I am today.

The Spectator would like to wish the Class of 1998 all the best.

What has been your most memorable experience at Hamilton?

"The best experience I've had has been going to Tanzania"
-Samantha Margles

"Overcoming my fear of saying 'penis' in front of crowds"
-Sheila Dwivedi

"Making snow angels while naked this year"
-Darren Fuller

"Making a porno"
-Kurt Odell

"Freshman year: circling the quad in Separk's 'blue bomber'"
-Elsa Perry and Erica Weissinger

"The most exrtaordinary thing that has happened to me was my year abroad in France. I learned more about myself and others in that year than I ever could have on the Hill"
-Matthew Nolan

"Eating bologna sandwiches while watching Days of Our Lives in the haunted, heated, vibrating, orange recliner with Buddy Lasala and Richard Sanders"
-Sky Berdahl

"Taking phonetics in Paris with JT and 'faire la vache'"
-Alden Barlow

"Calling Roma's drunk and saying, 'I'd like to make a delivery'"
-Danielle Roberts

"DU Clambake freshman year"
-Emma Thompson

"Waking up in a tree sophomore year after a party"
-Nat Waterman

"Running in fear from moths and broken sidewalks"
-Aidan Kavanagh

"Making friends that I will have with me for the rest of my life"
-Paige Whittaker

"Rolling down the Wally J. hill in a state of drunkenness with Erica Weissinger"
-Kerri Page

Messages of good-bye, good luck to the Class of 1998

To angelic Joel, Pads, Juan carlos, my darling sis Omaima and her awesome friends "wishing you all the best, you'll be greatly missed!"
love,
Manal Ataya

Super G-
I never thought that I would fall in love with a guy that picked me up at a frat party!! You have impressed me from the beginning, from your "super" ability to remember phone numbers to your midnight strolls through the Glen. I have never had so much fun with a person and wanted to be around someone as much as I do you. You mean everything to me and it is going to be very hard to see you go in may. You are the highlight of my day when I see you smile or dance around. You look like a little kid at Christmas!! Good luck out there, and think of me often!! I love you!!
-k

To: Jessie Marrero, Nikki Wolford, Caryl Wedding, and Robin Dabney
To all of my Emotion buddies...I love you guys so much and I wish you all the best. You're four of the most beautiful people I've met here. I'll miss you very much.
Best wishes,
Laura:)

Good luck to my two favorite seniors, Caryl and Claire. It was great living with you, and I hope you guys have a great time in Syracuse. To Claire, I want to say thanks for putting up with me and my alarm clock. And to Caryl, thanks for all the cheerful smiles and just for being an all-around awesome friend. I'll miss you both! But don't think you're rid of me--I'm coming to crash when things get too tough around here.
Love always,
Linda.

EAT SMA Yungjin and Rob!
We'll miss you.
Love,
The Bo's

Todd, Julie and Jim -
Remember the cheese! We love you guys, and wish you the best of luck in the "real world". Remember, no matter what happens out there...you'll always be 'Tones. Come visit us lots! We love you!
Love,
The Hamiltones

Dear Chu-chu,
Wassahappeninahotstuff? Little did we know in September that the chain-smoking snob down the hall would become one of our best friends. Think of all the things you've taught us: 4:20, "two things at once," hors douevres, the brewsky breakfast, and the joy of butt sex. And think of all the things we've taught you: the art of the pile-on, how to put out a campfire, the sweet sound of bubble wrap in the morning, and the joy of eccentricity. It's time to make the doughnuts but you can't make them without a "dish." We (and the entire SOG) will miss you and your firehose more than you can imagine.
-Weiner, Neuter, and Uters

Andrew, this is your father,
I never thought that this year was going to be so great...from the good 'ol trash can in the village of Clinton to gettin jiggy wit it in Cancun. It will be tough to repeat this next year while you are in some place like Arizona, but always remember to expect the worst and then you will never be disappointed.
-Inmate #125232

SPICY SPICE:
you've made this year so much fun for me, i don't know how i'll survive next semester. at least i have ireland in the spring. i'm going to miss you so much, hanging out in the studio, late night taco raids, your silly laugh. the dork (ummm...i mean the dorm) won't be the same without you. i'll miss you so much that i miss you already! good luck, have fun this summer, and visit often. Love you lots,
--Squealy Spice
a.k.a. "doodyhead"

To Kate Dalke:
Have an awesome time on your wild excursions next year!! We'll miss you and your fun sense of humor in XC! Keep in touch.
Love, Hill

Gavin (G-dawg):
G-money! What's up, Goldy? Thanks for all the great laughs and hockey coaching. I will miss you on the ice next winter. Take care & good luck. Never forget the song "Gloria." You better come back and visit...
love,
#13 (Kathleen)

Dave Clausen (the one, the only....Dawg!):
Dawg, I sure am going to miss your incoherent emails, random phone calls, IM floor hockey games, and seeing you on the ice every day for about 5 months. Good luck next year and I don't have to worry about you visiting -- isn't it obvious with 3 here? (:
love always,
Gloria

Rob McKenna (aka BOR):
Great getting to know you this year. Good luck w/ all of your Geology knowledge - Double D (I am sure) is proud. When are you, Stasz, & I going to Maine? You better come back and visit, but only if you will sing "Centerfold." Take care and keep in touch!
love ya!
Kathleen (Gloria)

Ron:
What would I do w/out all your help every Tues. & Thurs. night for about 2 hours? Probably fail discrete....I really appreciate all the effort & time that you have spent & joked w/ me. I will miss you next year -- but promise me next spring that we will play some softball. I agree w/ Hirshfield - you are the Java Daddy. (: Take care and good luck next year!
-Kathleen

Dear Amy, Ashley and Kim (The Sensational Several),
Thank you for all the great times this year. We are glad that we had the opportunity to play with you, even if it was only for a year. Hopefully we'll be able to live up to your examples. Good luck in the future; be wary of waterfalls.
Love,
The Fabulous Four
Freshman Basketball Players

Dear Naughttty girl:
Congratulations! I am really happy for you. I hope you encounter success in all your future endeavours, as you have in the past. I will be here thinking of you.
Love,
Couch Boy

To all the MEU seniors (Jenna, Jessie, Kim, Liz, Matt, Meghan, Sarah, and Yao)--I'll miss y'all. Goodbye and good luck!
-The Freshman

Tekla,
As you head out into that big and crazy world, I want you to keep this in mind: Life is a series of bowel movements. We must search for meaning, but the more we learn the more we feel sick and weakened, the more we grasp the cruelty of existence. Soon, we begin to feel spiritually constipated. And this is the tragedy of existence: we must eat (search for meaning) in order to survive, but that very process clogs our system and condemns us to agony. The more we live, the more we die.
The only reason we persist is because -- every once in a while -- there is a purging, an exultant break in the constipation, when we feel refreshed and triumphant. You know the rush I speak of? These are the moments we live for. How long can we extend the rush? What climax can we reach?
Some people intake talk shows, Danielle Steele, and fatuous conversation as their only nourishment. Such people will almost never experience the sublime pleasure of relieving themselves, of pure lightness of being. Others, however, read the ambiguous, think critically, and examine life. Their diets are high in fiber and, as a result, their bowel movements are frequent and substantive. And the rush they experience from the purge is all the more sublime, even enough to carry them through the next series of cruelties.
We all fail to attain Understanding, but those who endure -- and even pursue -- the inequities of life are the truly big sh**ters: they are satisfied with existence.
Tekla: tackle life and all its inequities. Sh*t hard so that you may experience that "pure lightness of being." I want no less for you.
Your hearth-companion,
Kate Kuykendall '99

To Meat, Grains, & Veggies-
You're the only food groups I'll ever need. Dancing with you has been unforgettable. All we need is four women...
Love, Dairy

Buzz and Sky,
Hamilton won't be the same without you guys! Good luck and much success to you in the future!
Love, Kathy

Congratulations, Tucky! Thank you for everything.
I'll miss you,
Clementine

To Steve Watt-
Well, what can we say mate? You came from the land down under and brought a few helpful rugby tricks with ya! Steve, we just wanted to say thanks- without you hamilton rugby would not have been the kick-a$% sport that it is. We'll miss you and your wonderful coaching skills of course, but even more we'll miss strapping on our "footy-boots", twisting our ankles on the bloody field, playing touch footy in the rain, drinkin' and singin' in your beautifully decorated and clean suite, makin' fun of the wonderfully strange party pants, and playing some of the best rugby known to man! (well..at least to us!) We love you Steve and we appreciate everything you've taught us. We will miss you dearly. "Keep on ruggin' hamilton, rug those blues away!!"
love,
The sexy women ruggers!

Dear MAIN and HALFWAY HOUSE,
It has been great spending time with you and getting to know you. We will have to have a Gillian's Island reunion for a crew race next year. Erin, we hope that you have fun swimming in your new pool, and Rachel, we expect to see you next year with your "friend. "
Love always,
Harry Link & Buckley Hollow

Geoff,
Your friendship means the world to us, and we could not imagine our first year at Hamilton without you. Thank you for all the good times we have had together, and for all the wisdom you have shared with us. Good luck with life after college, we know you will do well.
-Jennifer & Christian

Dear Shivani,
What will i do next year without my "twin" sister. Who else will i go shopping and watch movies with? I know that you have a wonderful future ahead of you; and no i didn't read that in some horoscope. I will miss you.
Love,
Kristyne

Dear Seth....I just wanted to take these few lines to say thank you for the snow days and nights, mancala and coffee and movies and black outs and the many great talks and walks and weirdness that will only make goodness from here on out.....you are a wonderful person with a heart of gold and a future paved by that same wonderful/gold combination. I look forward to long letters from you and your kids (not those kind of kids silly!!!) long talks, and California vacations -cause now I have a reason-Take good care of yourself, thank you and always keep your smile!
Love Always,
Amanda

Kurt, Aidan, and Joel:
"For he that sheds his blood with me today shall be my brother." Here's to good times, late night jam sessions, rugby, and raptor calls. Congrats and best of luck in the future guys!
-Benny Mann

Dearest Mary,
I sometimes regret not deferring another semester and coming with a new class, but when I do, it strikes me that I wouldn't have met you. And I'm so damn glad I did; you're one of the most wonderful people I know, and I know you'll do great after Hamilton too.
Love ya,
Sheba

To the lovely ladies of Suite 32, Caryl, Claire & Julie,
Thank you so much for a wonderful year! I have really loved living with you and having girls only moments. You are all wonderful friends! Thanks for everything.
Love,
Sarah Knapp '99

To the senior sisters of Gamma Xi-
Thank you for giving Gamma Xi four years of your lives. Your love and guidance have been greatly appreciated. There are so many memories that we will never forget. Your leadership and contributions to the sorority have been invaulable to our success as a society. You are an amazing group of women who will be thoroughly missed. We hold the values which you have taught us in the highest regard and hoped to lead future classes in the spirit of your example. We applaud the distinguished and accomplished
women you have become and offer you the best of luck in your ventures after Hamilton. We're hooked on the feeling that you will always be a part of us.
All our love,
The sisters of Gamma Xi

Dear Twists with Hair, Shakes with Booty, Speaks in Duetche, and Flies at Night With Hair Like Raven's Wings,
Thank you for such a great year, living with you has been so much fun. We wish you lots of luck with the future and we will miss you very much. Thank you again for all the wonderful memories.
All our love, Acts with
Passion & Plays with Molecules

To Sheila, Kat, Paige, Kim, Lindsey, & Liz-
It's been four years and I'm so glad to still have you as friends. I'll miss you.
Love,
Jenn

To all senior football players, best of luck in all that you do....thanks for everything this year!!!!!!
-Frank Vinci

To Cat Fraim,
the best friend I will ever have, thanks for the memories.
Love,
Emma

see More, page 14

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Seniors pose for the camera with cuddly friends from home.

PHOTO COURTESY AIDAN KAVANAGH '98

A group of tuxedo-clad Senior men ham it up for the camera. (Back row) Matt Nolan, Kurt Odell, and Jeff Holden;(Front row) George Zaleski, Revi Kumar, and Aidan Kavanagh.

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Buffer Rob McKenna sings in the Hub last Wednesday night.

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Elsa Perry, Cathy Augusta, Sarah Leonard, Erica Weissenger, and Alana Hall at the Senior Formal.

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Seniors enjoying their dinner at the Formal, but secretly wishing for the familiar tastes of McEwen.

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A group of Senior friends enjoying the Formal.

PHOTO BY LEIGH DAILY '98

Three random Seniors smile, knowing that they never have to go through registration or the Housing Lottery again.

PHOTO BY LEIGH DAILY '98

Seniors enjoy their last days of the beautiful spring weather on the Hill.

More Messages to '98

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and more you could ever go for, because you deserve it. Go for it.
Love, Steve

SC-Buddy,
Thank you for helping make this the best four years of my life. You'll always have a place in my heart.
Love always,
Supreme SC

Flies with Night-
How you rike me now?
Love, Shakes with Booty & Twists with Finger

ethompso-
What will I ever do without you? I love you with all my heart.
-cfraim

Dynomite Donna, you are amazing. You make me wonder sometimes, how people can be so genuine and real. You are so true to yourself and care so much about everything you do, you deserve the best. Never ever forget picking up garbage side by side on the Potomac, as that will be remembered for a long, long time. You are such a great friend and amazing person, I am wishing you the best

North 4th Girls:
Never forget the laughs: Big Bushy Brown Hair Man (B^3HM), "I'll Make Love to You," Wallet Man, funny poems, Hot Box Cox, sleepwalking, and the Purple Lookers. You each hold a special place in my heart...thank you for the memories. Best wishes for the future-
Love, Erica

GX'95,
Here's to the greatest women around. Thank you for making the last four years so wonderful. Your friendships mean the world to me. Our strength got us through the tough times of the past...may that strength stay with us as we encounter the challenges of the future. Best of luck-
Love,
McGregor

Professor Weldon-
Thanks for everything you've done for me these four years.
-Cat Fraim

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"One member is not representative of 60 or more students"

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to Colin Carman's Op-Ed piece concerning the detriment of societies on campus. It seems that the gist of Colin's argument is that societies create "good-old American separatism" on campus and are essentially responsible for every bad incident that occurs during the school year. If Colin has a problem with students who cause fights and break pool tables, we completely understand that. We also get angered when we see students treating others or school property badly. However, whether or not the students who do this are society members is completely irrelevant. Yes, it may be a member of Delta Delta Delta that causes problems, but you know what? That one member is not representative of a society of 60 or more students. Nor is that student necessarily a society member. Societies, like any other organized group, are composed of individuals, and they are not all going to act in the same manner.

As a side note, people in a society may seem to dress alike simply because that is the current trend. We have friends at home who were tight black pants and they have never heard of Delta Delta Delta, nor do they belong to any other society. One of us was in Florence for the semester, and guess what? Girls over there wear the same thing. It has nothing to do with being a society member, but is a sign of the times. Just because several guys have the same fleece vest does not mean they are "brothers." Did it ever occur to you that maybe they all just liked it and decided to buy one for themselves?

Societies are not the cause of separation on this campus. Do you actually believe that a campus without societies does not group individuals together? What about sports teams or student organizations? If there were no societies on campus, we would be categorizing a person according to what club or team they were a part of. People group themselves with others who have similar interests or goals. Just because they group themselves together does not mean they consider themselves part of an elitist conspiracy; they simply have something in common. "Oh, that's Suzie, she's in Student Dance Alliance...Bob's on the hockey team," etc., etc. You wrote that "private societies have an amazing ability of turning the individual into a group player." Well, since when was this necessarily a bad thing? All people have to learn to work together to achieve some end, whether it be working on a group project for a class or winning the last game of the season. Different individuals contribute different things to a group, all of them being valid and important. You can't have a team composed entirely of defensive players, it wouldn't work. In being a group player, your identity does not become that of the group; you become a player within the group. Just because people work together does not mean they lose all sense of who they are as individuals.

You seem to feel that you cannot fit in on this campus or enjoy yourself unless you belong to a society. You claim that there are no social options on campus unless you want to go to a frat or sorority party, then you blame societies for being cocky for feeling they are the sole source of entertainment on this campus. You are the one who said they are our only entertainment. We don't see that as being true. If you don't like large crowds, get together with your friends. Go to a theater production or a movie. Go to the social programming meeting yourself and throw your own party. It is not anyone's fault but your own that you can't find any fun on the weekends. The Res Life decision has weakened societies. Ask any senior—instead of one party every weekend, there were five. The way the system is set up now, there have to be invites for every party. The capacity for North Court is only 150, for Bundy it's about 500. With 1600 plus students on campus, not everyone can go to every party. But that is not a society's fault—blame it on the administration for not creating more social spaces or making it viable for students without large funds to throw parties. Societies do not intentionally discriminate in this respect. It would be great if there were open parties all the time. We love to see different faces at every party. The "Slipknot" party this past weekend was a refreshing change—so many people we had never seen before were there. Too bad it had to be off campus for this to happen.

Joining a society is just another way to meet new people. It does not limit the amount of people you know, but actually broadens it. If you have not pledged a society, that is your decision. Do not bother others for choosing something different. If first-years are wearing ribbons, it is not to alert you, as much as your ego would like you to think, but are there to remind them of their choice and the ideals of the society they want to be a part of. One of us is a member of a society and is proud of that fact, the other is independent and is equally proud. But neither of us considers that the defining fact of our existence at Hamilton. Maybe Sig brothers don't wear their letters because they don't want to deal with annoying questions or stereotypes like the ones you pose. We don't know, though, we can't speak for anyone in that society because we're not a part of it. Don't speak about or insult something that you know nothing about.

Deirdre Johnson '99
Gamma Xi Sister
David Kutcher '99
Independent

P.S.—I paid for my friends with a check, to answer your question (Deirdre)

Gamma Xi sisters "offended and angered" by Colin Carmen

To the Editor:

As sisters of Gamma Xi, we were offended and angered by the article "Confessions of a Deactivated Sorority Girl." In the article, Colin Carman makes claims that societies are groups of conformists and exclusivists that pay for their friends. He also claims that societies offer nothing to the school besides kegs, elitism, and vandalism.

Our personal experiences as members of Gamma Xi are quite different. We did not join Gamma Xi with the intention of being social climbers. Rather, we were impressed by the individuality, intelligence, and supportive nature of the sisterhood. Contrary to what Colin asserts, through pledging we feel we became stronger, more assertive, and more outgoing individuals than we were before. Knowing that we have the strength and support of the sisterhood behind us, we are better able to express ourselves as individuals.

When stating that all members of a society dress alike, Colin is being just as superficial as he condemns the greek system of being. Gamma Xi is extremely diverse. Our sisters represent many nationalities and races, and are members of both the highest and lowest income brackets, as well as everything in between. Our sisters are actively involved in all aspects of campus life. We have members of many sports teams, sisters who are active in student government (including the former student body president), seniors named to Phi Beta Kappa, orchestra and choral group members, multicultural organization members, Honor Court members, and sisters who participate in numerous HAVOC prgrams. Certainly, this does not demonstrate conformity and exclusivity.

When Colin states that societies have nothing beneficial to offer the college, he is wrong. This year alone, Gamma Xi has sponsored a blood drive, volunteered in Eating Disorder Awareness week, raised money to preserve the rainforest, participated in Habitat for Humanity, volunteered in Trust Treat, and is currently sponsoring a bottle and can drive for breast cancer. We also contribute to other societies philanthropy projects, such as donating money to one of ATX's projects.

We hope that people on this campus will get to know us better before they start throwing around untrue, generalized statements and assumptions. We also hope that the day comes when all society members will be able to wear their letters without being discriminated against by professors and other members of the Hamilton community.

Ani Drescher, Cat Durkin, Ali Townson, Reba Rosenthal, Jamilet Rodriguez, Lindsay Conny, Diane Soboski, Jen Moffett, Kristin Simonson, Erica Weissinger, Sara Rizzo, Christina Gles, Jennifer L. Cooper, Elizabeth Anne Rothenberg, Pam Dixon, Phuong Nguyen, Ashley Woodworth, Nicole Austin, Katie Wasilenko, Amy Fortney, Melissa Moriarty

Spectator darkrooms are "health hazards"

To the Editor:

Our names are Erin Waters and Sara Brainard and having just ended our first semester using the *Spectator* darkrooms, we believe that the Hamilton community needs to know about the sad state of our darkrooms. Although we both love photography, our working conditions are horrid. We need a staff desperately next year, but subjecting them to the health hazards of working in the *Spectator* darkrooms is not an option.

We have been working in them all year and often return to our dorms with aching eyes and the taste of chemicals in our mouths. The *Spectator* darkrooms are not ventilated and we believe that this is the most serious threat to our health. Since the darkrooms are so small, air does not circulate, and when we open the doors, gusts of chemical-laden air fill the entire office, affecting the entire staff.

Lately, due to the heat, a distinct aroma of sulfur has established itself in one of the darkrooms. What annoys us is that all of our problems could be solved with new darkrooms. We do not need new equipment, just a new, larger darkroom where we can develop film and print pictures without having to worry about breathing in recycled air containing the fumes of toxic chemicals. In addition, the rooms are cramped and closet-like where only one person can work at a time.

The faucets are leaky, and last fall one treated us to sprays of water. The doors don't open and shut properly, and light leaks under the doors are death to developing films and prints. In one darkroom, part of the ceiling is falling in and every so often water from the pipes above drips down.

The last we have heard, the College is not renovating the darkrooms this coming summer. This fact disturbs us, because we don't want to work in the hazardous darkrooms next year. We hope that the College will renovate the facilities this summer.

Erin Waters '01
Sara Brainard '01
Co-Photography editors

Respectful terms should always be utilized when referring to students

To the Editor:

In going through the minutes of the April 7 Faculty Meeting, it came as a shock to us that certain members of the faculty would use the word "stinkers" when referring to poorly-motivated students. One would think that in a small residential liberal arts college, the faculty would find respectful terms to refer to their students of greatest need. Weren't our professors also students once? We do not dispute that there is stink at Hamilton. But not all of it is from students. Quite a bit of it is from jaded, pompous, and atrophied professors who have evaded their teaching responsibilities by giving up on their students.

Naeem Sheikh '96
Kim-Ee Yeoh '98

LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

***The Spectator's* Letters and Op-Ed section is designed to be a forum for the entire Hamilton community to discuss and debate campus, local, and national issues. Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces are welcomed from all students, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, and friends of the College. Nevertheless, *The Spectator* does have editing policies for contributions.**

1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail, email at "spec@hamilton.edu", or sent to one of the Letters and Op-Ed editors. Submissions can also be dropped off at *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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4. The editor also reserves the right to return the piece to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on a Macintosh double density disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

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Bison: it might be what's for dinner

Perhaps you've seen a flock of wild turkeys while walking in the woods, playing golf, or jogging out Campus Road. Ever wonder how they might taste? Probably leaner (and therefore healthier) than any meat you'd find in a supermarket. But don't reach for your shotgun; the turkey season is for bow and arrow only. Besides, a larger-scale wild-animal alternative is now available. It is a creature you won't see in the glen—the bison. That's right, those huge brown animals that used to roam the Great Plains by the tens of millions. After approaching extinction, bison are making a comeback.

So why don't we see ads like, "Bison. It's what's for dinner"? The reason is that demand already far outstrips supply. Currently, only 20,000 head are available each year (compared to 36 million cattle!). But over the last 15 years, ranchers have been increasing the sizes of their herds as fast as the animals will breed, doubling bison populations every 5 years. At this rate, in less than 50 years bison will reach their maximum sustainable population, and could supply one-third of the current beef consumption. Bison ranching makes sense not just for rural economies and consumers, but also for the environment.

In recent campaigns against rainforest beef from Central America, environmental groups have unintentionally spread the idea that eating domestic beef is environmentally correct. It's true that using U.S. rangelands for cattle is much less destructive than clearing rainforests, and perhaps preferable to plowing U.S. rangelands. The problem is that demand for fatty meat means cattle finish their days at feedlots, where they eat grain grown on—you guessed it—plowed land. Plowed cropland is less natural, is more susceptible to erosion, and needs more water than rangeland. Two-thirds of total U.S. cropland now grows grain fed to livestock. This isn't surprising given the inefficiencies. It takes about 6-8 pounds of grain to produce every pound of cattle, only half of which is edible.

At feedlots, cattle deposit masses of manure; we're talking about 50 pounds a day of manure for each animal, and for every American family there's one head of cattle! The nutrients in all this manure usually never return to cropland. Instead they run off of U.S. feedlots, polluting *twice* as much water as does all of industry. What's more, to "beef" them up and to keep them healthy, the cattle are fed hormones and antibiotics—enough so that some countries refuse to import *our* beef.

Even on the open range, cattle can be destructive. In contrast, bison can actually restore an area to its natural state. The basic problem with cattle is that, unlike bison, they have had their roaming instincts bred out for the sake of docility. Bison may roam dozens of miles a day, while cattle tend to stay right where they were last herded to—and overgraze the area. Overgrazed areas often look like lawns, which always seem to grow back, so why worry? Lawns aren't exactly natural, but overgrazing is worse primarily because it scalps grass, leaving vast areas vulnerable to erosion and desertification. The Great Plains is becoming drier, perhaps due to overgrazing. Typically, cattle do the most damage near water sources, where they trample riparian vegetation, and, unlike other large animals, often excrete into their own drinking water.

Ranchers try to keep cattle on the move, but this doesn't get at all of the problems. Though cattle are a symbol of the American West, they are actually better adapted to Europe. Cattle eat different plants than bison do, which encourages the growth of plants not native to the Great Plains and may even disrupt natural fire cycles. Thanks to plowing and grazing, intact natural grasslands now cover only 2% of their original range.

PETER KELLY
REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

So, why bother with cattle at all? That's the question America's 2,000 bison ranchers have asked themselves. Even on a small ranch, bison are half the work, and their meat fetches higher prices. Despite a limited gene pool from having approached extinction, the animals seem plenty hardy—they can withstand blizzards of 50 below; they need only half the water cattle do; and they need no help calving. Since bison are so little work, bison meat will likely be priced similarly to beef once breeders meet the demand.

Even at today's high prices, bison meat attracts some consumers. It contains less than half the fat of beef, fewer calories, and less cholesterol, making bison nutritionally comparable to or better than chicken. The consensus is that bison tastes better than beef too.

Bison seem well suited to large-scale production. A return to the Old West of free-range bison sounds intriguing, and could rejuvenate the economies of places like North Dakota. Of course these days, we might worry about new things: Will huge roaming herds of bison block highways, wander into schoolyards, attack innocent people, or spread diseases like brucellosis? These fears are overblown, according to Frank and Deborah Popper of Rutgers University, who envision a "buffalo commons" where people coexist with bison. Bison are intelligent animals, and they tend to avoid people. On ranches they can be vaccinated against disease. Though no large-scale distribution system for bison meat exists, no special difficulties have arisen so far in storage or distribution.

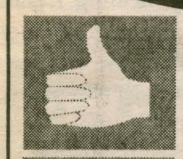
So, are bison so practical and efficient that they're just like a new breed of cattle? One hopes not. Mass production is desirable but *not* on the model of the cattle industry. Ranchers should resist the temptation to cull the smallest or most unruly bison. In the name of "efficiency," these practices would create bison that are big but prone to calving problems and disease, docile but with few natural instincts for survival—basically cattle all over again. Crowding these docile creatures into small areas to maximize profits would prevent roaming, defeating many of the ecological benefits.

Unfortunately, current consumer preferences are beginning to hinder the responsible growth of bison ranching. Already bison are finished on grain (like cattle) in order to make their fat white instead of yellow. The natural yellow comes from beneficial vitamin A, but it's amazing what extremes producers go to in order to make our animal products look "normal": Veal calves are raised under notoriously inhumane conditions in order to make their meat look white, while yellow coloring is added to butter to give it the same color year-round. But we're talking about style here, not substance, so some clever ad campaigns might be able to sell bison meat in a more natural form.

The future of bison remains unclear, but one thing is certain: We cannot, and should not, continue to gobble up beef as we now do. For nutritional, ecological, and moral reasons, we *must* seek alternatives. Vegetarianism is the best alternative, but for those who feel they must continue to eat meat, bison may be the way to go. We may be a few years away from a lunch of McBison, fries, and a Coke, but we should start adjusting our attitudes now.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Jennifer Irvine '00 & Matt Nolan '98



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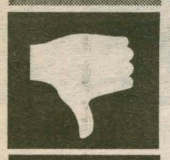

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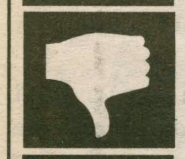


The approaching reality

Lack of campus controversy this semester

Treatment of Professor Morgan

Unsung Heroes of Hamilton

While we all now find ourselves in the midst of a frenzy of final exams, final papers, housing and parking lotteries, resumes and hopeful internships, we sometimes take for granted the people that make our lives that much easier. I'm not talking about a parent, friend, or even a professor.

I'm talking about someone to whom you don't give a second thought during the course of a typical day.

I'm talking about the hard working men and women who are probably the least recognized but arguably the most valuable people on this campus.

I'm talking about your janitor.

I don't know about you but I tend to take for granted the job that these people do. I simply expect the stalls, sinks, and showers to be clean when I enter the bathroom. I also expect the dorm as a whole to be relatively clean without old trash strewn about the hallways.

True, I don't always find my dorm looking immaculate, but this is not due to lack of effort by the janitor. It is due to students' carelessness and lack of motivation to make sure the paper towel finds the middle of the wastebasket from the top of the key. It is at this moment when we may say to ourselves, "Oh, I'll just let him/her do it, it's their job." This is perhaps the only moment throughout the day when custodial work crosses our mind.

I'm asking you not to necessarily go out of your way and thank the janitor for all they have done. I myself would find this awkward and uncomfortable and I assume I'm not the only one. However, your gratitude for their efforts can very well be expressed with a simple, sincere greeting on the way out in the morning. Or maybe even a single minute of casual conversation with the man who scrubs your toilets is not too much to ask. Just because they are the ones who have to clean the scum off of the sink does not mean they should be treated as such.

JOHN MEEHAN '00
LET ME JUST SAY...

If you only take the time to shoot the $%#@ about something for a minute, you might find him or her a more decent, honest person than the kid who sits next to you in economics; or the economics professor for that matter.

Everyone needs to make a living in order to eat, sleep comfortably, and ultimately - survive. We are the lucky ones. We're the ones at the high-class institution with hopes and dreams of not just surviving, but doing well enough in school in order to get some big job making big money.

Some people simply do not have the grades in high school or the money in the bank to afford a college education. Pardon the cliché, but this does not make them any less of a person.

As a result of their situation, these men and women are forced to make a living cleaning up after us.

We tend to assume that in the blitz of everything else that happens during the day, the rather trivial functions of cleaning, scrubbing, and making our home look presentable will somehow magically get accomplished. Well, there is someone behind the magic trick.

Look, I'm not asking you to invite your janitors home for the summer or throw some lame party for them. Simply, I urge you all to at least recognize what I have said and make an effort to behave in a civil, social manner when you happen to pass by the person who does the dirty work. They make the day go 'round. Have a summer.

One down, three to go

ADAM HOGAN '01
ONLY IN AMERICA

Well, for all you freshmen out there, how does it feel to have one year complete? I know I am thoroughly stressed out, tired, and relieved all at the same time. I just presented a computer science project, but I still don't feel relaxed. Although I know that I have no work left, I still feel like I should have stuff to finish.

Next year is so nice to look forward to. Half of our class doesn't have housing yet; most freshmen end up better off. The college needs to address this issue. I was one of the fortunate ones who did get a room. No rising sophomore should have to leave this campus not having a place to live for next year.

I also think it is a bit ridiculous that we will still be forced to take the 21-meal plan. I cannot remember the last time I ate that many meals in one week. Another problem lies in the price of 14 meals, too. Even if an upperclassman decides to take 14 meals, the difference in cost is minimal. When I'm the one paying for it, I don't appreciate being told how many meals I must purchase.

Outside of a few small items, I think I can look back on this year in a positive way. My grades might not reflect it, but outside of enjoying the year socially, I've learned a lot. For the first time in my life, I think I've finally realized that grades aren't always the most important; what you know is often more important.

I had a conversation with a friend from home about how much we had all changed this year. I was happy to hear he didn't think I'd changed much over this year. I said the same about him. This is comforting to know that next week, I'll head back to Long Island and not much will have changed. We'll go out to play pool and hang out at the beach, just like always. The return home is a strange time- some people go away and come back Marines, while others come back down to their last few brain cells. I think most of us here tend to fall outside of these extremes.

For the first time in my life, I think I've finally realized that grades aren't always the most important; what you know is often more important.

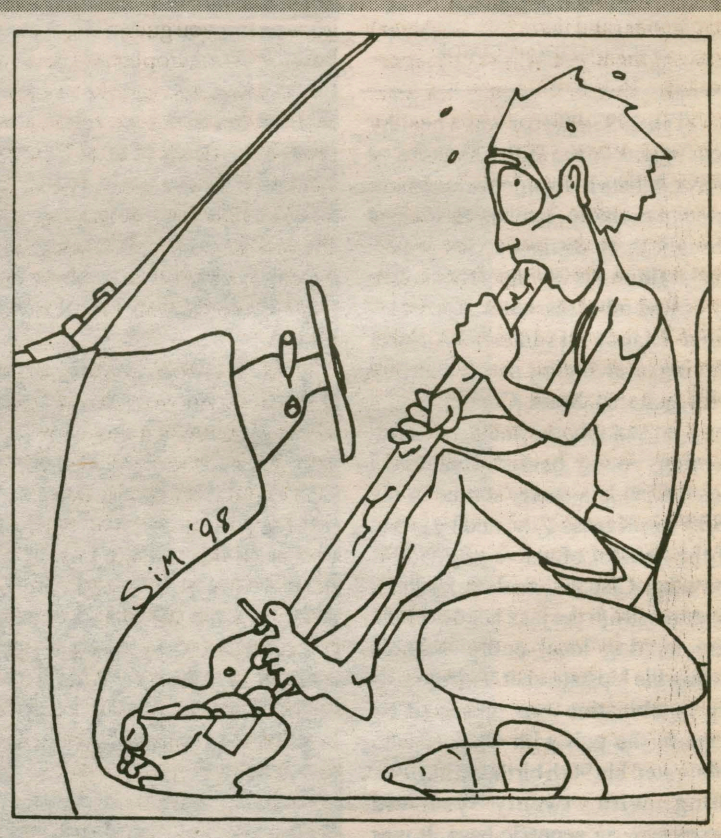
I'm not entirely against change; rather, I like knowing that the people I've been friends with since childhood are still the same people of high character and conviction. I've been pressured to do a lot of things this year I said I would never do. For all except one, I think I've made it through. The one I missed was Greek life; I swore I'd never join a fraternity, but I reassessed my opinion of it. Even still, I may have changed a bit for the fraternity, but I'm the same person who came here last August.

Now, we get to look forward to next year. More work, more parties, more stress and all the other trimmings that accompany these things. I, for one am looking forward to it. I have both a major and a minor picked, and I think this year has given my life a lot of direction. I don't have to worry about what to expect next year, so I can just jump in with no apprehension.

So, as you head to wherever home is next week, think about the year and what it meant for you. Not everyone will have pleasant memories, but I know I will. Having friends in so many different places is a definite plus, and it has opened my mind so much. It really is true what they say about college life-it's the best time of your life, so enjoy it! After all, you only get to do it once.

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

Not only does he get a parking ticket...



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Jazz Around the Hill: a look at performances by Williams, Woods and Foster brought to us by the Artist in Residence Program

By Monk Rowe
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

The 1997-98 year was a healthy one for jazz on the Hill. Thanks to an active Artists In Residence Program, three nationally known musicians brought three distinct styles of jazz to Hamilton during the year.

November saw veteran jazz violinist Claude "Fiddler" Williams playing a swinging set at the pub with guitarist Mark Copani, yours truly on saxophone, and an up-and-coming young bassist Genevieve Rose. Claude's career started in the 1930's in Kansas City, and he is one of the handful of active jazz violinists today. Claude shared stories about his career with the jazz history class, also visiting local public schools during his Upstate visit. An interesting combination was presented on stage at the pub with Claude, who celebrated his 90th birthday in 1998, along with twenty year-old Genevieve on acoustic bass. It was an interesting and easy rapport between them as they quickly found common ground.

March saw the modern end of the jazz spectrum with soprano saxophonist Jane Ira Bloom in residence. Jane is an active composer, leading her own quartet and often combining electronic elements with her contemporary compositions.

PHOTO COURTESY MONK ROWE

Monk Rowe-saxophone, Genevieve Rose-bass, Claude "Fiddler" Williams-violin, and Mike Copani-guitar jam in the Little Pub on November 11, 1997, as part of this year's Artist in Residence Program. Next year expect much of the same with the official opening of the Jazz Archives in the Fall.

Saxophonist and composer Frank Foster was next up at Hamilton, spending April 6 and 7 on campus. Frank visited the jazz improvisation class, worked with the jazz ensemble, was interviewed for the second time by the Hamilton College Jazz Archive, and played a standing-room-only set at the pub with bassist Michael Woods, guitarist Joe Ferlo and drummer Jim Johns. Frank is one of the most respected big band composers/arrangers in music today, and is often associated with the Count Basie Orchestra. Frank was as a member of the Basie Orchestra from 1955 until 1964, and authored many of the classic Basie charts, including "Shiny Stockings." After the Count passed, Frank conducted the Basie orchestra from 1986 until 1995.

April 23 and 24 marked the second annual Hamilton College Jazz Festival at Wellin Hall. Five area high school bands joined the Hamilton College Jazz Ensemble in two swinging nights of concerts where student musicians performed side by side with guest jazz artists from around the country. Drummer Ed Shaughnessy, Bassist Keter Betts, trumpeter Byron Stripling, saxophonist Houston Person, guitarist Carmen Caramanica and pianist Rick Montalbano spent Thursday and Friday with these young musicians, sharing their wealth of knowledge about the history and the skills involved in playing this unique American music.

In addition, "Doctuh" Michael Woods presented frequent concerts of his original work on campus, frequently importing jazz talent from around the country. Our own senior music students, saxophonist David Gould and guitarist Ali Giangola also performed on numerous occasions on the Hill.

Economics professor Erol Balkin continued to provide jazz and commentary on WHCL on Sunday nights. During January break it was my pleasure to peruse the station's extensive jazz collection, and over a thousand of these albums became the first significant LP donation to the Jazz Archive.

After numerous discussions with the "first couple of jazz," Milt and Mona Hinton, a date was set for Milt to appear last fall as an artist in residence, but health problems prevented them from being able to come. As well as being, as some have speculated, "the most recorded bassist of all time," Milt is also an accomplished photographer. Six of Milt's jazz photographs adorn the Archive walls, a personal contribution of the Hintons. Milt was one of the first jazz musicians to receive an Honorary Doctorate from Hamilton. At this year's commencement, reedman Bob Wilber will be presented with an Honorary Doctorate. Bob will enliven the pre-commencement dinner in Bristol on Saturday night with the signature sound of his saxophone and clarinet.

Students and faculty can look forward to accessing material in the Hamilton College Jazz Archive in the fall. A three year effort has resulted in a collection of video interviews and accompanying transcripts with jazz personalities across the country. The archive currently holds 150 videos, approximately an hour long each, which document the story and the lore behind this great American musical style.

Fallcoming in October will again see two evenings of stellar jazz performance at the Fillius Events Barn, so mark your calendar now for October 9-10. Milt Fillius, '44, has again lined up a swinging group of jazz veterans including saxophonist Frank Wess, bassist Michael Moore, and pianist Derek Smith; and returning from last year, clarinetist Kenny Davern, drummer Bob Rosengarden, and trumpeter Joe Wilder.

The Jazz Archive project, the Artist in Residence programs, and the High School Jazz Festival are funded by the Joseph Drown Foundation of California. The entire Hamilton community has the extraordinary good fortune to be able to experience this wealth of talent, and be home to this significant collection of jazz history.

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SUMMERSCOPES

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)

Taurus, can you beleive how time flies? The summer is here and you don't know what it brings. Do what you want to do, isn't that the only way you will be happy? If the future takes you away from here, think about those left behind every once in a while. Be willing to take risks, trust those around you, and learn how to survive in the wild. Your lucky word is: rockstar.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)

You are always up to something a little out of the ordinary, Gemini. You may even surprise yourself these next few days. The summer brings you lots of rest and relaxation, but don't get too lazy! Try and meet some new people that will be in your life for a long time. Your lucky place is: the golf course.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)

Heading to the ocean for the summer, Cancer? Make sure not to spend your money too quickly and don't let yourself get too burned. Cancer is your sign and it could be a reality for your skin. Your love for someone special will intensify as the days pass. Jobs with people will be most profitable for you this summer. Your lucky fried food is: hashbrown.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)

Leo, okay, we're down to days here. You can't talk the talk when the time is running down. If you really put in the effort, all goals will be reached. Remember, you're not going to be here again for a while, what do you have to lose? Your lucky line is: a pick-up one.

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)

So Virgo, planning on kicking it old school next year? It'll be so much fun to be around familiar faces again, you won't even realize how much you missed it. Try and become a bit more resourceful this summer, take part in new things. Loved ones may be far away next year, but they will always remain number one in your heart. Your lucky furniture contribution is: couches.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)

Libra, is the thought of heading home making you cringe? If this is your story, try thinking about the fact that you have changed a lot this year, maybe others have as well. Things will be different, but that doesn't always mean worse. This summer keep in touch with those at school but give everyone else attention as well. Your lucky Buffer is: Yungjin Oh.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)

Scorpio, meeting new people this year made your life a little more exciting. I am sure the effect you have had on them will last a lifetime. Wherever your summer takes you, know that you will be missed by friends here. Your lucky trip is: cross country.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)

Sagittarius are you scared about the future? Don't you realize the impression you make lasts a lifetime? You're a tough one to catch and don't deny it. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt and stop worrying! Your lucky song is: Marianne.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)

Are you the smartest kid in school, Capricorn? Well if the numbers don't prove it, we both know who tries the hardest. All of your work this year is sure to be rewarded. If you plan to be gone next year, know that you will definitely be missed. Your lucky gift is: a care package.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)

You sometimes feel like you're monopolizing the conversation, Aquarius, but wouldn't your true friends speak up if that was the case? When you head home for the summer try and leave with a clear mind. There's no need to worry about things you have no control over. Why not act like a kid again and get out the skateboard? Your lucky activity is: nubbing.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)

You're a water baby and it's almost that season again, Pisces. Are you cringing with excitement to hop into the ocean? Soon enough you will get that chance. Be smart when you play around this summer, you do have responsibilities to others. Your lucky beach toy is: a wet noodle.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)

Another year is done, Aries, who knew you would make it this far? This summer will be different than all others, but that doesn't mean a big smile won't be on your face You may be surprised by how much some people truly care about you. Your lucky suite was: Babbitt 23.

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Tori Amos releases her fourth album

By Colin Carman '00
Special to the Spectator

Tori Amos considers her first three albums a girl-and-piano trilogy. On her fourth album, "From the Choir Girl Hotel" (released on Tuesday from Atlantic Records) Amos integrates a drum, bass, and guitar to expand her sound beyond her precious Bosendorfer piano. (Tori Amos zealots know that Amos is no stranger to band life: she was once a member of a short-lived, 80s hair band named Y Kant Tori Read. Bootlegged copies of the album now sell for over 50 dollars.) "From the Choir Girl Hotel" has been promoted as a radical departure for the red-headed musician that made the piano "cool" again; songs like "Cruel" and the "i i e e e," where her piano is barely audible, are said to represent Amos's new musical vision. "She's Your Cocaine" begins with drumsticks tapping and ends with Amos addressing her band: "Cut it again."

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In reality, "From the Choir Girl Hotel" isn't that unlike the soulful, confessional music that has made Tori Amos the angelic, controversial artist that she is. (How can we forget the picture from "Boys For Pele" of Amos breast-feeding a piglet; Amos calls it her "Madonna-and-child image.") Her latest is a reliable batch of wonderfully honest, but enigmatic songs about desire, magic, spirituality, and of course, womanhood. The subject of "Jackie's Strength" might surprise Amos fans; Amos sings of the strength of Jackie Kennedy Onassis. Amos has always incorporated female figures into her music: from Judy Garland in "Happy Phantom" to Anne Boleyn in "Talula." "Jackie's Strength" begins as an ode to the First Lady ("A Bouvier till her wedding day [...] shots rang out the police came), but blossoms into a testimony of the female heroes that pervaded her adolescence in the 60s. Jackie O. becomes less of a religious figure and more of a pop icon, like the "stickers licked on lunch boxes worshiping David Cassidy." Amos uses the strength and purity attached to Jackie's persona to launch into a consideration of modern notions of femininity: "virgins always get backstage no matter what they've got to say," and "you're only popular with anorexia so I turn myself inside out."

Amos has always imbued her music with bizarre images. At her best, she has a "bowling ball in her stomach" and a "desert in her mouth"; at her worst, she's over-the-top and inscrutable with a lyric like "If I lose my Cracker Jacks at the tidal wave I got a place in the Pope's rubber robe." On the techno-influenced "Raspberry Swirl" and "Cruel" (a sultry song with a tribal beat), Amos revels in more word play. "Ice cream assassin"? and the "Lollipop Gestapo?" Amos has been making less and less sense since her debut 1991, "Little Earthquakes." But even if we have no idea what she's talking about, her mellifluous voice and earthy beats are irresistible. Amos delivers on "From the Choir Girl Hotel."

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Black Dog

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By Kathy Hess '99
Editorial Cartoonist

This movie is a very long episode of the *Dukes of Hazard*, without sexy, young, white trash. It is an adventure movie based completely on the crashing and exploding, and interesting driving maneuvers of cars and bigm rigs. It isn't easy making an eighteen- wheeler look energetic, but that is one of the big successes of the movie. The drawbacks are that the movie is an hour and forty minutes and the interesting parts could have been cut and pasted into an hour pilot for a television show.

Jack Crews (Patrick Swayze: *Ghost, Dirty Dancing*) is a wonderful truck driver who went to jail or vehicular manslaughter. Apparently he saw the "black dog", a truck driver legend, that if someone drove too much the black dog, a hallucination, would cause them to crash. Having been paroled after two years for good behavior, Jack is working as a mechanic, because his license had been taken away. His family, Jack, wife Melany, and daughter, are in financial straits because of the jail time, and the lower status at work. Jack also suffers from low self esteem from being told that he can't drive, the thing that he loves to do.

When Jack's company offers him a fifteen hour, off the books haul from Georgia to New Jersey, it is hardly even a decision. Jack needs the money, and the confidence that a successful run would bring.

Jack picks up the truck from Red (Meat Loaf) who wants to hijack the load of illegal weapons for himself. He tries to do this by adding three people to Jack's drive: Earl (a aspiring country singer/trucker played by Randy Travis), Sonny (a guy sent along to protect the load played by Gabriel Casseus), and Wes (an annoying character whose only purpose is to be annoying in the hopes that little boys in the theater will get some humor out of his constant need to pee). Along with the three people he trails the truck himself with henchmen. Jack's boss is afraid that Jack won't make the run so he also turns into a villain, leading to the conclusion that too many villains make too many climaxes. Neither villain is played as the dominant one so it's hard to appreciate who is fighting who. The movie works best when renegade cars attack the big truck.

The acting is both good and bad. Patrick Swayze and Gabriel Casseus are out of place, they both act convincingly in a movie that is not convincing. It is very impressive. Randy Travis, and Jack's family are pretty good. Everyone else is terrible. Overacting seems to be the biggest problem, except in Meat Loaf's case. He is an overly religious zealot, who wants to hijack the load. The religious part that has him constantly yelling the Bible's best known verses out the windows of speeding cars, is stupid. They have no point. The only reason he is saying the words is because it sounds impressive, but even the impressiveness factor goes down because Meat Loaf is not a good villain. He doesn't have the charisma to pull it off. He is just an idiot yelling in a truck. Jack's boss is also not very exciting because he never seems all that threatening. There is a whole subplot involving the FBI and AFT which includes a couple of fine actors (including Charles Dutton), and a couple of dorks.

The coolest part of the film were some of the camera shots. Camera's are placed on exploding cars, before they hit impact, and you get that same thrill as when a camera on a rollercoaster is shown. Also, in the spirit of *Braveheart* (that allowed blood to be splashed on a camera during a battle), dirt and mud are flung towards the camera, involving the viewer, and making the movie a little more exciting.

The movie has a lot of superfluous stuff in it that makes it tedious. One of the big ones is the character of Wes, who is just plain annoying. The film should have taken more risks so that there was something to lose. As it is Black Dog just takes you for a ride.

Men's lacrosse finishes strong

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the team leader.

This year's team improved by two wins, quite an accomplishment for a team with only five seniors and mostly sophomore and junior starters. Not only was there improvement in the wins column, but also in many other areas such as total team goals and total team points.

Two years ago in Coach Kevin Gilmartin's first season as coach the men managed only 82 goals and that improved ever so slightly the next year to 89. However, this year it improved to 158 goals- quite a tremendous leap in only two years. With this increased goal scoring came an increase in the total points scored by the team, up last year from 146 to this year with 279. Another great improvement for the team was it's ability at the end of the season to come together as one unit and perform the jobs that needed to be done to win.

"They really came together as a team and started to push the ball up the field. This push led to some great scoring opportunities and helped us win the last two games," commented Coach Gilmartin.

Individually, there were also some tremendous improvements. One to note was Dewar's, a great individual player but even more importantly a great team player.

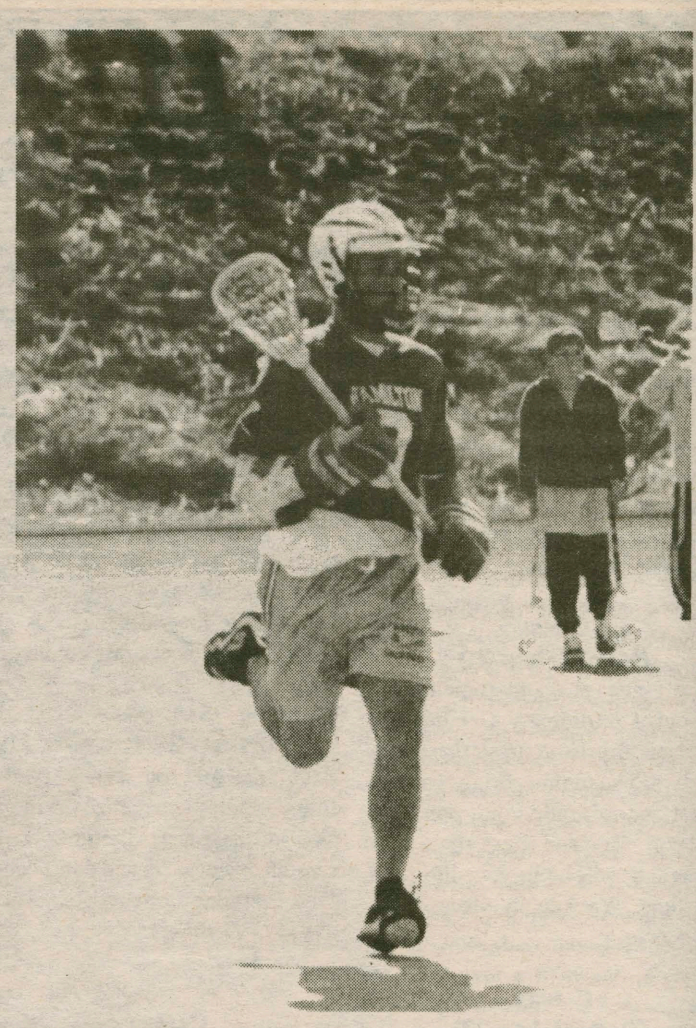
Dewar is just two goals away from breaking the school scoring record, quite impressive for a rising junior. Not to be overlooked also was the play of Mike Coope '99 who won the team scoring title with 48 points, just two ahead of Dewar. One can only imagine what an incredible scoring combo this will make for next year.

Not to be overlooked was the consistent play of Brendan Forrest '98 at defender, who led the team with a 101 groundballs.

Not only was the defense and attack stellar in the last two games but also the play of the middies, including Chris Masotto, as well as juniors Whit McGraw and Pat Hibbard. Next year will hopefully be the year the Hamilton puts all of its pieces together and has the record that shows all the hard work they put in day in and day out.

This year started out with Mike Coope being named UCAA player of the week and it ended with Jason Dewar being names UCAA player of the week as well.

Hopefully with all of the talented players and incoming freshmen next year will be a strong year.



What makes it all worthwhile

DAMON LOPEZ-O'DWYER

EDITOR'S NOTES

Those who have read my columns over the years with any regularity know that the majority of them have dealt with hockey, and an even greater majority of those have had more than a little bit to do with the New York Rangers. Well, I have never denied being a fanatical fan, and as I sit here thinking of the appropriate final words to write in *The Spectator*, it is hard not to think of my favorite team again.

But as everyone knows, the Rangers were the NHL's greatest underachievers this year. Nonetheless, that won't stop me, because as I try to sum up four years of writing and editing in one column, one very simple question comes to mind: why did I stay up all night on Thursday nights throughout my college career writing about sports?

Well, the answer is simple—I'm a fanatical fan and I love it. To borrow a famous quote, I love the "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." I love the torment and joy of rooting with all that I am for my favorite team.

When I arrived on the Hill as a freshman, the Rangers had just won the Stanley Cup. As I prepare to graduate they are among the pathetic few NHL teams to not even make the play-offs, but for some strange reason I love them more now than ever. And somehow, with this strange sense of renewed love for the Blue-Shirts I have gained some understanding of why I've devoted so much of myself to writing about sports.

A former *Spectator* Sports Editor, and a friend of mine, Sam Walker '96, once explained to me, "the more your favorite team loses, the better it feels when they finally win." Sam is arguably the biggest Jets fan in the country, and as long as I have known him, has devoted every once of spirit in his body to rooting for the Jets—even when they were 1-15.

Well, as I watched the Rangers slide from mediocre to plain bad this season, I found myself taking solace in Sam's words. And as I prepare myself for the imminent departure of Mike Richter, while still cringing at the thought of Mark Messier in Vancouver jersey, I realize that no matter what horrendous, frustrating, and greedy decisions Ranger management makes, the Broadway Blues will always be my team. For some inexplicable reason, I adopted this franchise as a young boy, and now they are an immovable part of me. I have made a conscious decision to root for whoever wears a Ranger Jersey—no matter who he is—for as long as I live.

Well, rationally, this seems preposterous. If you think about it, what am I really rooting for? Twenty-five years from now, I know I will be a Rangers fan, but some of the players on that team of 2023 haven't even been born yet, in all likelihood. I have devoted myself to nothing more than a shirt, and if the increasingly rapid changes in sports today is any indication, by the time 2023 rolls around, I won't even be rooting for the same shirt.

I raise this point, however, not to comment on the negatives of Sport today, but rather to highlight the one great positive that seems to transcend any any pig-headed business decisions: quite simply the unparalleled passion that sports can arouse in us. It's a truly awesome force, which unites strangers in rooting for strangers, often as if their lives depend on it. Many can't understand it, and nobody is suggesting that everyone should, but anyone who has competed or rooted knows that there is an inexplicable power in Sport that touches us like nothing else in life. The "die-hard" fan suffers and celebrates with his team, perhaps more emphatically than even the players themselves, and although it seems ludicrous when we think of it rationally, there can be no denying that there's an amazing fulfillment in loving a team unconditionally.

There's an expression, "it's just a game," but anyone who has competed or whole-heartedly devoted himself to Sport knows better, because to commit yourself to anything whole-heartedly is sacred. Passion, whatever form it takes, is what makes life worth living, and if Sport does nothing else than to provide us with an opportunity to be passionate, than it is invaluable.

So what if I devote myself to rooting for a shirt? It's fulfilling because I am passionate about it. Rooting for that shirt somehow manages to give me occasional glimpses of inexplicable joy, so I don't question it. And every now and then, a player like Mark Messier will come along and manage to transcend even the shirt, adopting what it stands for, bringing it to life—intensifying my passion even further. In time I realize that I am rooting for a shirt because it represents history, tradition, and memories of past glory. Every single fan has at least one memory that he cherishes and a moment that he dreams about. It consumes him and drives him to come back season after season, waiting to ultimately realize that glory, and then do it all over again.

It's in these moments of glory, moments when the human spirit triumphs, that we realize our own human spirit—our own passion. Sport is an unparalleled drama because it is a living theater. When we are part of a passing moment of triumph, the glory becomes real and fulfills our souls. The experience of watching an un-scripted moment of glory is an unmatched rush. So, sure, die-hard sports fans are thrill-seekers. And like any other kind of thrill-seeker, we are always looking for ways to intensify the high. The more we commit to our team, the better the rush when they succeed. Somewhere deep in our souls we love defeat because we thrive on the anticipation of victory, and anyone who watched the Rangers or Red Wings finally win the Cup understands the bliss of long-awaited victory. It's an excitement that makes all the losses worth it, and future suffering almost desireable.

So as I write my final words in *The Spectator*, I am happy because I realize that I have been fortunate enough to spend four years doing something that I love. There's a rush that comes with finishing an article at five in the morning, and there's a rush that comes with watching your favorite team win, and when the two coincide, it is profoundly satisfying.

Golf places 5th at districts

BY JONATHAN CORNWELL '99
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, the golf team closed out its spring season with a fifth place finish in the Division III New England District Tournament. After solid play on Saturday, the team faded slightly on Sunday, finishing behind Skidmore, Williams, Amherst, and Salem St., all four nationally ranked teams.

The team was led by Jonathan Cornwell '99 (73-76), Darren Fuller '98 (79-83), John Whitwell '98 (81-85), Corey "Jesse the Body" Giroux '00 (80-91), and Matt Hemsley '01 (89-83). The team's Saturday total of 313 was good enough for fourth place, four shots behind Amherst, 10 behind Williams, and only 13 behind national powerhouse Skidmore. On Sunday, the team came unraveled somewhat, posting a 327 and falling back to fifth place.

The individual title was won by Skidmore's Drew McMahon (148) who birdied the last hole to edge Cornwell (149) and Amherst's Erik Hardenbergh (149) by one shot. In fact, Cornwell held a one shot lead heading to the 18th tee, but after skulling, duffing and chunking his way to a bogey 6 on arguably the easiest hole on the course, the title was McMahon's.

On a special note, Sunday's round saw the conclusion of Fuller and Whitwell's golf careers here at Hamilton. Fuller closed out his Hamilton career in style, eagling the par five 18th hole and entertaining the gallery around the green with a pump of his fist.

Afterwards, Fuller hugged his playing partner and long-time friend David Fiorentino from Amherst. Although Whitwell didn't end with the same flurry, his career has been marked by consistent play and several flashes of brilliance, including a 74 earlier in the year at McGregor golf course.

Last Friday, the day before the District Tournament, the team traveled to storied Oak Hill golf course in Rochester for the Pete Marwick Invitational. The team's low scorers were Fuller (80), Cornwell (80), Hemsley (81), Giroux (83), and Whitwell (92). The team finished third, well behind Rochester and Binghamton, but well ahead of Division I Colgate.

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Although the team didn't play anywhere near its potential this season, the team did improve upon its disappointing fall season. The team also had to do without Matt Miller '99 whose injured arm proved much more serious than many originally thought. Said Giroux, "Considering what we've had to overcome, this hasn't been that bad of a season. Sure some guys didn't play the way they could have, but others stepped up, notably Hemsley and Fuller."

Although the team will lose Fuller and Whitwell, it will return Miller, Cornwell, Giroux, Hemsley, Andrew Begley, and Jamie Harding. So how good will the team be next year? "Finger-lickin' good," said Giroux.

The Spectator Athlete of the Week

By L.D. Platt '01
Sports Writer

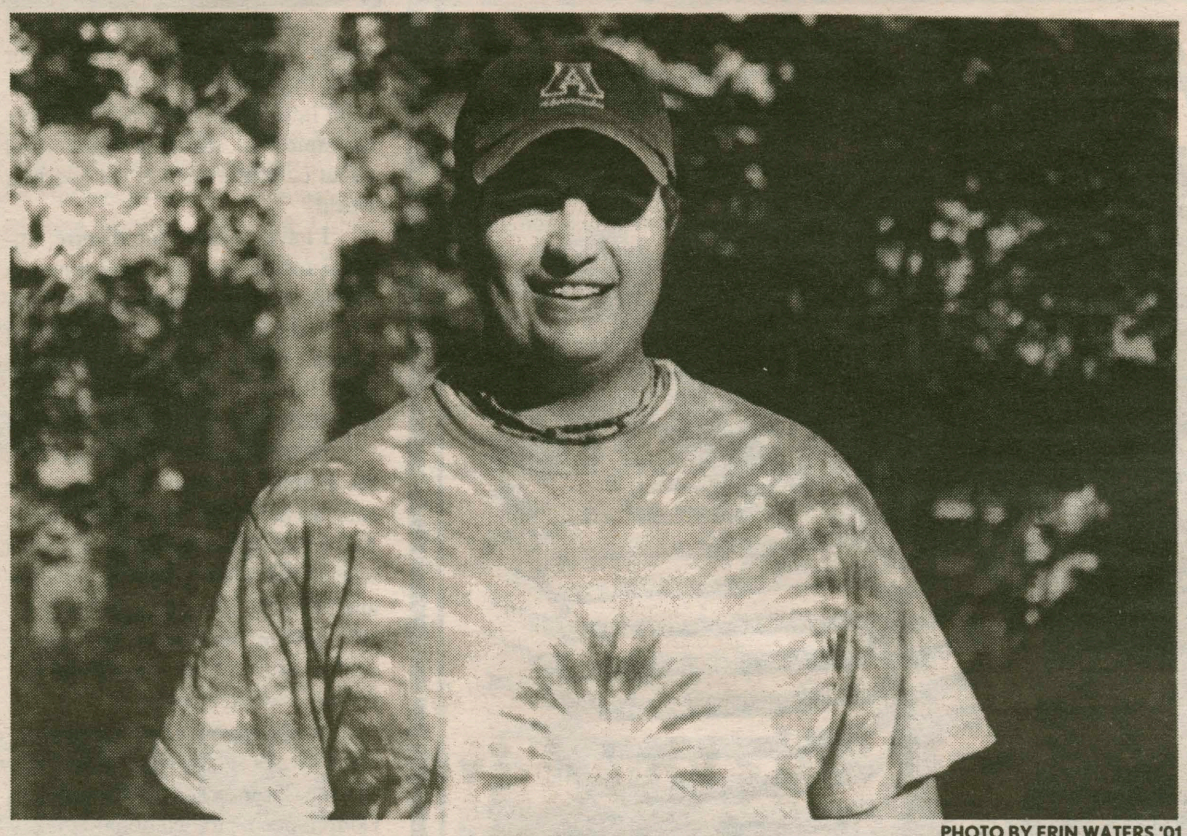

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Joe Rowbottom '99 has been the strongest pitcher for the Continentals this season. His performance has been so good that it has raised the eyebrows of five major league teams.

Joe Rowbottom, a junior pitcher from Oneida, New York is what a baseball player should be. Joe is a religious studies major with a minor in economics also.

The junior anchors a young Hamilton College baseball team pitching staff that improved this year to 15-15 (.500) and came very close to making the ECAC playoffs for the first time in several years. This was due in no small part to the pitching of Joe Rowbottom.

Joe has only been playing baseball competitively for four or five years. He played hockey and golf, yet turned to baseball in his senior year in high school. This turned out to be a great move for the pitcher.

He has been a tremendous force on the mound. This year his record did not show the dominating pitcher that he is. He ended up the year at 3-5 and 3 saves; he also had 22 strikeouts in 40 innings.

Joe's performance helped the Continentals to their best record since 1990. "We could have won three or four games. Next year we should be able to improve a bit more and hopefully make the playoffs," Joe said speaking about this past season.

Joe was quite positive about one particular point in the season. This point came when they swept Hartwick and Utica in a doubleheader several weeks ago. This was their first four game sweep in seven or eight years.

"The reason it was so great was because we were missing two key players and we came together as a team." These wins helped the team to get above five hundred for the first time all season. Not only was it great weekend for the team, it was great for Joe also.

He had a save in the first game against Utica when he pitched an inning of scoreless relief. Then he came on strong in the next game with a complete game scoreless win. With both of these performances, he was named UCAA player of the week, due in large part to giving up no earned runs or walks.

The whole season was not all this good. "The toughest loss probably all season was against Western Maryland in Florida. I had pitched really well and had got some good run support, but the game was called because of time restriction. It actually really sucked," stated Joe. Despite the hardships, Joe is optimistic about his future and where baseball can take him.

Rowbottom's Favorites:

Band:	**Grateful Dead**
Food:	**Buffalo Style Chicken Wings**
Animal:	**Tiger**
Movie:	**Cool Hand Luke**

Joe is being recruited by five major league baseball teams, which include the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Cincinnati Reds, Kansas City Royals, and the Los Angles Dodgers. With these teams scouting him, he has the opportunity this summer to play in the semi-professional New England baseball league. This is very similar to the Cape Cod Baseball League, where some of today's best baseball players have come out of.

"This should be a great opportunity to play with some division 1 players, some real top notch players," exclaimed Joe. He will be playing in Keene, New Hampshire where he will provided living arrangements and a job for the summer. It will not be all work, as he will also play seventy baseball games throughout the summer to help continue to hone his baseball skills. This honing he hopes will provide him with the edge to get to the next level.

Who does Joe want to play for? "Growing up in New York state, I was always a Yankees fan. So I could definitely see myself walking out of the Yankees pen. I am realistic though and I hope that I am able to keep working hard so I can get there," Joe responded.

Joe is a great teammate and friend. Just ask the four seniors whom he played with and became great friends with.

"He keeps the team loose, but he also knows when to be serious," responded senior right fielder Matt Klumpp.

Sean Fay, senior first basemen, stated, "Knowing he is out on the mound gives the team a lot of confidence. He is just a great guy not only on the baseball field but off the field as well."

Brian Guastella, a senior center fielder and senior Matt Kruk agree about Rowbottom's importance. "I have some real fond memories of playing with those four guys. They were great to play with and wonderful friends," stated Joe.

One guy that Joe thinks does not get enough recognition is Coach Davis. "I credit coach Davis with a lot of my success and I am glad he is my coach."

Joe Rowbottom is not only a great pitcher but a great person. Whether he is working at the extended care facility near his home or he is blowing opposing hitters away, he does it right.

So one day when you are watching ESPN look for Joe Rowbottom to come out in the Yankees bullpen and root for him like you do here.

Tennis gains momentum

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point.

In a matter of minutes, he closed out the set with an ace, 7-5. From there Lopez-O'Dwyer continued to roll, and played a nearly perfect set to end his career in a win, 7-5, 6-1. "I think I saved my best for last," he remarked after the match. "I've never hit a backhand as hard as I did on match point."

On the next court, Greg Nussbaum battled against an opponent with truly unorthodox strokes. The two had gone three sets two weeks ago, when Nussbaum was the only Continental to pull out a win on Hobart's home courts. On this afternoon, a confidant Nussbaum made shorter work of his pesky opponent, winning 6-3, 6-3.

On court two, Ben Pinchin played his best tennis of the season, winning in straight sets over his formidable opponent. "Pinch played great," said coach Smith. "Last time these two guys played, Pinch struggled the whole way. I'm glad to see him get the win."

After the match a tired Nussbaum talked about the match and the season. "It feels good to go out with a win," he said. "It also feels good to achieve the team goal of a .500 record." The Continentals came on strong at the end of the season and salvaged a rocky season.

The Continentals finished up 8-8 in dual match competition, and both co-captains finished the season well above .500 with their individual records. They combined for over twenty wins this season in singles play alone. Some significant changes await the Continentals next season. Not only will they be without the two graduating seniors, but they will also be welcomed back to the courts by a new head coach.

Scott Smith is retiring from Hamilton after three years of service, and Coach Bill Austin, the new head of all racquet sports will succeed him. "Bill's a great guy and a knowledgeable coach," said Lopez-O'Dwyer. "I think he's going to take the program to new highs."

Austin has been at Hamilton since November and took the team to Hilton Head over spring break, where players responded to his positive attitude and commitment to winning. Coach Austin comes to Hamilton a former top ranked squash player and coach of racquet sports at Cornell.

As the rest of the team returned to the locker-room, the co-captains lingered behind with coach Smith to savor the win. "I can't believe it's over," commented Nussbaum as he picked up his racquets for the last time. "I'm going to miss these courts."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KARLTON BONTRAGER '00 (12-0) & ARTIE MCCANN '00 (10-0). THEY BEAT THE EXPERTS.

Nix is down but not out as he will return next year to try and defeat Ringel Dingel in "Beat the Experts" next semester.

My parting shot...

JASON SANTARCANGELO
FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

As I sit down to write my final article I am at a loss for words. For forty-five weeks, I have provided insight into the sporting world. I have attempted to stimulate discussion about current events in the sporting world.

I have covered the bizarre, unusual and the most pressing issues in the sports world, both professional and amateur. I want to thank Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer for offering me the opportunity to write a column for the Spectator, last January.

Despite the fact I was away from the campus, I found a way to make sure that my article was here by Thursday night. After the first couple of weeks, my style began to develop and From the Front Office was born. With this, my final words, my parting shot, I want to offer my insight into the wide world of sports.

I can tell you nothing is certain. If two weeks ago you had told me that the top three seeds in the Eastern Conference of the National Hockey League would be on the golf course I would have said, no way! Well, I would have been wrong. That is why we play the game, for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

I believe that the influx of money has corrupted the professional sports world. I can not blame the athletes for taking the multi-million dollar contracts that are being dangled in front of them, but I am quickly losing interest in these spoiled brats. Professional sports is now about whose got a bigger endorsement deal instead of who's scoring more points or playing better defense. In our generation, something will break, something will give and the sporting world as we know it today will collapse.

I believe that too many athletes are being given second chance opportunities that the average fan would never be able to get. The professional sports world has been given a black eye by the increase in drug abuse, domestic violence and hard luck stories (I do not have pity for the athlete who gets in trouble for carrying a concealed weapon). Athletes need to be treated as citizens of the United States and held to the same standard.

The National Hockey League needs to change the in the crease rule, it is ruining the game. If the league would just put the old goaltenders box back life would be simpler. If a skate is between the box and the half circle, the goal would count.

The National Basketball League has to find a way to temper the attitudes of its new spoiled brats, who leave college early, or never attend. The new millionaires club is ruining the image of the game.

Major League Baseball needs to stop expanding.

The National Football League needs to stop allowing franchises to get up in the middle of the night and leave the cities that have loved their teams for so long (aka. Cleveland Browns, St. Louis Cardinals, etc.).

Major League Soccer will be the next great sport in America as the soccer mom revloution continues in the United States. Based on my two game experience, it was a blast, just wait and see. (A strong US showing in the World Cup this summer is essential).

Women's sports are growing at a rapid pace. While I do not believe that women's sports will outdraw men's sports in the near future, I encourage everyone to attend a game (WNBA, ABL, Silver Bullets, Softball, coming WNHL) because these ladies play for the love of the game, not millions.

Arenas and stadiums should not be giant corporate advertising tools. I want the Forum, Boston Garden, Chicago Stadium, back. I do not want to see Yankee Stadium (or Maple Leaf Garden or any other stadium) leave.

I believe domes, retractable roofs, astroturf, swimming pools, hotels, and gourmet meals have no play in professional sports. Taking the element called nature out of the game takes something away. Sports were not meant to be climate controlled. The ballpark was meant for hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jacks and beer (soda for those under 21).

The Giants and Jets play in New Jersey, not New York so please do not call them the New York Giants or Jets.

I believe the baseball is juiced, the playing pool has been diluted by expansion, the fences moved in and athletes better prepared for battle (as sports medicine has improved). My point: all new records need an asterisk mark.

Pete Rose should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame because he earned it (besides everyone else gets a second chance).

Michael Jordan is the greatest basketball player ever. As he and the Bulls charge forward for their third consecutive NBA title (for the second time in eight years) remember to watch him, because this could be his final stand.

Wayne Gretzky is the greatest hockey player of all-time. Besides shattering every record possible, he is a great role model for all young athletes today.

Cal Ripken Jr., might just be the last great baseball player. Ripken comes to the ballpark ready to play every night, not for money but for the love of the game. Cal Ripken Jr., has established a record (2,500 + consecutive games) that will never be broken. I hope that he leaves the game when he is ready, not when someone tells him too.

The athlete who plays the game for the love of the game, for the thrill of competing and the ecstasy of winning is truely inspirational. For it is these dreamers that keep the sports world ticking.

The only thing I can say with certainty is: For every winner, there is a loser (and some ties in the regular season).

With all that said, I want to thank everyone who has ever commented about my column, you are the reason I keep writing, expressing my opinion, and taking a stand.

Hot Fun in the Summertime: A Fan's Perspective

DAVE BOLGER
A TRUE BASEBALL FAN

Maybe it's the fact that school is st about done, or maybe it's the ce weather, but from some reason I d myself thinking more and more out this summer and how great it's ing to be. My excitement doesn't m from a huge love of the beach lthough ing a ong Is- nder I ess I do ve one) or om the fact at I have a eat summer job lined up (I do). I nd myself daydreaming about those g days because I am a sports junkie, d this summer is shaping up to be dandy.

First, despite the fact they are inter sports, the NBA and NHL don't finish up their seasons until the summer begins. And what a finish it's setting up to be in the NHL. As if the NHL play-offs aren't exciting as is, the top three seeds are gone in the east.This leaves the door open for an underdog to make a run for Lord Stanley's Cup. And every American loves the underdog, so it should be fun to watch.

Rooting for an underdog in the NBA will get you nowhere, as Michael and the Bulls will most likely shock no one and win title number six. While seeing the Bulls popping champagne is getting old, I still look forward to watching his Airness put on a clinic and show once again (and again, and again, and again...) why he is the greatest player of all time. And with another threat of retirement looming overhead, this may be Jordan's farewell tour making this year's championship a can't miss.

Another reason I'm pumped for the summer is the USBL. That's right, the USBL - The United States Basketball League. This professional league serves as a minor league, feeding the NBA with talent every year. To date, the USBL has produced 113 NBA players. Muggsy Bouges, Chris Childs, Anthony Mason, and Charlie Ward are just a few names that got their start in the USBL. With teams up and down the east coast (westward expansion is set for 1999), the USBL is a great place to see professional caliber basketball for a cheap price. Of course the fact that the Long Island Surf were league runners-up last year and they're favorites to win this year adds to my excitement.

> **"And if you're still not convinced its going to be a great summer, there's the Goodwill Games in New York, the WNBA, Arena Football, and pre-season NFL.**

Of course the main reason to be excited for the summer is baseball. There is nothing more "summer" than a day at the park. And this summer should provide some great memories. Many believe this is the year many records will fall, and I don't disagree. We could see someone like Mark McGwire hit 62 homeruns or someone like Tony Gywnn hit .400. Even something as meaningless as the homerun derby should be great. With the mid-summer classic, the All-Star Game set in Colorado this year, balls will be flying out of the park during the derby.

And if you're still not convinced its going to be a great summer, there's the Goodwill Games in New York, the WNBA, Arena Football, and pre-season NFL.

Ah, its going to be a great summer indeed.

Baseball finishes respectable .500

Continentals barely miss playoff bid

BY SETH CROSSMAN '01
SPORTS WRITER

Unfortunately the Continentals dropped their last game of the season against Ithaca 10-6, falling to 13-13 on the season. Senior Co Captain Matt Klumpp commented that it was the "best season we have had in the four years I've been here."

Joe Rowbottom '99 started the game and lasted five innings before freshman Andy Berman relieved him. Rowbottom picked up the loss and finished 3-5 on the season, but still had an impressive ERA at 3.60, the team's lowest. At the plate Hamilton swatted thirteen hits to Ithaca's fourteen. Senior Co Captain Sean Fay had three hits including his sixth double on the season. Senior Co Captain Brian Guastella had two hits as did Dino Mazzotta '00 and Andy Revell '00.

> **"Even with the loss the team still ended on a "high note" -Head Coach Mike Davis**

On the season the team was formidable at the plate batting a high .315. The team was led by Klumpp, Fay, Guastella, Mazzotta, Mike Eistreicher '99, Brian Meyers '00, and Steve Guillette '01 who all batted over .300. Fay and Mazzotta led the team in homers with four each. Klumpp led the team in runs batted in with 27 with teammate Fay knocking in 25.

The three freshman pitchers, Berman, Guillette, and Nick Peterson, combined for more than half the teams wins (7), including four by Berman. "I just went out there and threw the ball and let the team field the ball," said Berman.

Even with the loss the team still ended on a "high note" according to Head Coach Mike Davis. In the last ten days of the season the Continentals won four of six games including a sweep of two doubleheaders against Hartwick and Utica. The sweep was no easy thing to do according to Coach Davis. "It's tough to sweep a doubleheader." Andy Revell summed up the team's thoughts on their record, "Everyone was pretty happy with the season, but everyone would have liked to win more games and make it to the playoffs."

"We're fairly happy with the season, but we lose very good seniors," said Coach Davis. "All four seniors will be missed." Berman echoed his sentiments, "They contributed a whole lot and it will be a huge loss batting wise."

"They're all really good leaders, and a lot of people are going to have to step up and fill their spots,' said Revell. Humbly Klumpp admitted that fact, "I think we wanted to lead by example and provide some leadership."

The team does have a very good nucleus coming back though. "We are looking forward to next year," said Coach Davis. "We see how close we are. It is a building block for next year." Klumpp stated the "team is fairly young, with only four juniors" so there is a lot of hope for the team in the future.

Five seniors bid farewell to track team

PHOTO BY PHIL JENNINGS '99

The Hamilton men intimidated opponents from the start with their explosion after the starting pistol.

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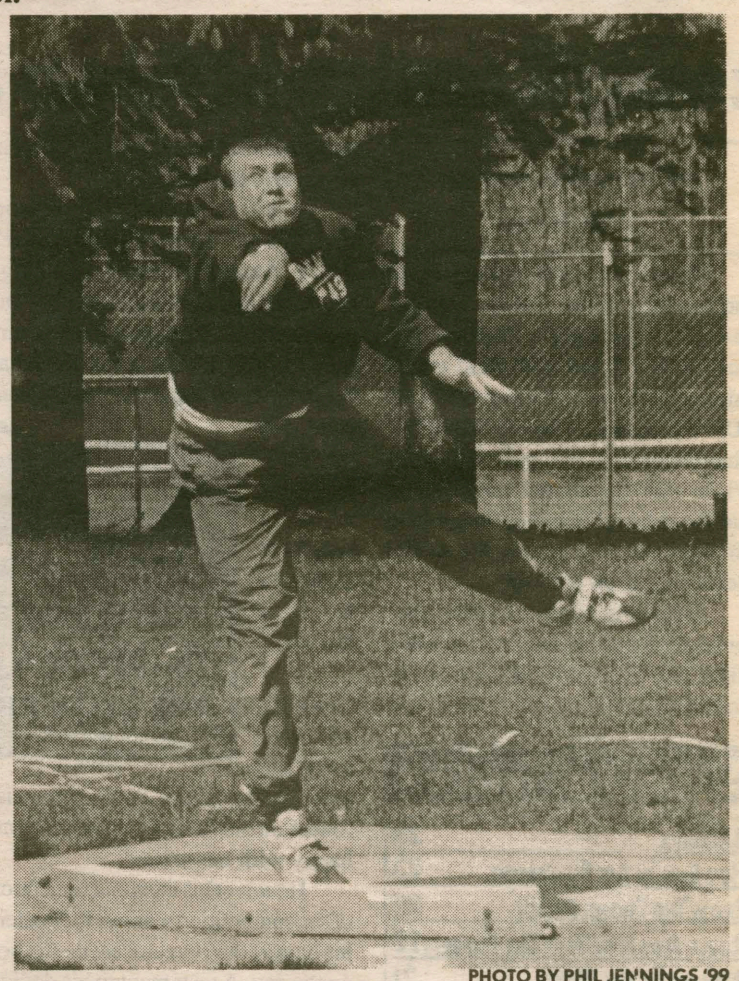
formances. First on the women's side, first-year Emily Hill ran a personal best of under 5 minutes, while placing well for the Lady Continentals. Scott "the Pump" Taylor and "Downtown" Sam Brown, both first years as well, burned up the track for the Continentals in the men's competition.

Clearly running their best tactical races of the year Taylor and Brown sat near the front of the pack before running away from much of the field in the final quarter mile. Finishing third and fourth respectively in the event, the dynamic duo struck fear in the hearts of much of their competition as they still have four years to compete and improve. Though they were beaten by a pair of All-American athletes from Saint Lawrence and the University of Rochester the future for these two appears bright.

Wrapping up this season the team bids a fond farewell to a group of five seniors who will be missed. Fish, Ersenkal, Kurt Odell, Rob Whelan, and Matt Nolan all leave the team after several years of strong support and important performances.



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Bob "Tuna" Fish practices the shot put.

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SPORTS

Men's team ends season on high note

Brian Coakley '99 takes a shot while Trevor McArthur '99 looks on. PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

By L.D. Platt '01
Sports Writer

The men's lacrosse season ended on an upswing. The men finished the season with two convincing wins over tough teams, Elmira and Union. These two wins were essential in helping to continue the positive note for next year. The win against Elmira came on April 26th right on the turf at Love Field.

They handled a tough Elmira team 13-9, and it helped end a three game skid. The three losses came against St. Lawrence, Clarkson, and Oswego. The Elmira win really helped to instill a much needed confidence boost for the men's team.

The leading scorers for that game were senior Chris Masotto (4 goals) and sophomores Chris Mertz (3 goals) and Matt Green '00 (2 goals, 2 assists). Jason Dewar '00 responded, "This was definitely the highlight of my season. We hadn't beaten Elmira in 15 years and then to beat them, and better yet at home in front of our fans was exciting." The men did not stop with Elmira though, they continued with Union the following Saturday.

Union was also a big win because it helped continue the winning streak and sent the team into the off-season with something to look forward to next season. Union showed up at Hamilton thinking they were going to get an easy win, but the Continentals showed them what was really going to happen.

The Continentals won 13-7 and were led almost single handedly by Dewar who had seven goals. Masotto finished his last lacrosse game in a Hamilton uniform strong scoring 3 goals and assisting on another, and junior Pat Hibbard also added two goals and an assist. In addition, senior Brendan Forrest ended his career with 18 groundballs for the game and 101 groundballs on the season,

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Tennis ends with .500 season record

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

Tuesday, May 5 was Senior Day at the Hamilton tennis courts, as the Continentals took on the Hobart Statesmen in their final match of the season. Co-captains Greg Nussbaum '98 and Damon Lopez-O'Dwyer '98 were the guests of honor, playing the final matches of their four year careers. Despite cloudy skies and scattered showers, the Continentals were able to fire up some of their best tennis of the spring and earn a decisive victory.

> **"Chants of "Nussbaum! Nussbaum!" could be heard booming from the boisterous fans in the Margaret Scott Bundy Fieldhouse.**

The doubles matches began on the fast-surfaced indoor courts. Both the first and second doubles matches were serving battles. On court one, Jon Plumb '00 and Ben Pinchin '99 fought hard but came up short against a tough Hobart team 8-4. On court two, co-captains Nussbaum and Lopez-O'Dwyer were determined to win their last doubles match together and played very solid tennis in front of a loud and supportive crowd.

Chants of "Nussbaum! Nussbaum!" could be heard booming from the boisterous fans in the bleacher seats. The team couldn't fight off the tough serving Statesmen, however, falling 9-8 in a tie breaker.

Behind the curtain, freshman sensation Eric Teruel continued his tough play and earned the Continentals a win at the number five singles spot. It was a straight-set victory which won the Continentals their second point of the afternoon as Hobart had forfeited the number six spot due to injury.

As the rains subsided, the teams moved outside to complete the singles matches. "We just need two wins," coach Smith told his seniors. "Today is your day." And it was.

Lopez-O'Dwyer battled a wiley opponent and found himself down 5-3 in the first set. "I was frustrated at that point," he said after the match. "I knew I could be doing everything a lot better." Lopez-O'Dwyer used his huge serve, widely known as "The Godfather," to get himself back in the set. He hit some crisp volleys and gained momentum with each

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Continental track & field finishes off tough competition at State Tournament

By Matthew Nolan '98
Sports Writer

Clocking several season bests and bringing home a State Championship in the men's shotput, the Contitentals Track and Field teams enjoyed a relatively successful trip to SUNY Binhamton for the NYSCTC Championships this past weekend. While rain threatened both Friday and Saturday of comptetition, it held off until the final event, the 4x400 meter relays, on Saturday.

Following some excellent performances at the previous week's NESCAC Championship held on the Continentals' home Pritchard Track, many athletes had high expectations going into the state meet.

In his final collegiate season, Bob "Tuna" Fish '98 (this year's Riffle Award winnner) had high expectiations entering the shot put competition. The reigning state champion from the indoor season Fish had been rather disappoined with his performance the previous week and sought to improve his throws.

> **Scott "the Pump" Taylor and "Downtown" Sam Brown, both first years as well, burned up the track for the Continentals in the men's competition.**

Leading all competitors entering the finals of the shot, Fish fouled on his first throw, and was not happy with his second.

However his third and final throw of the competition was over 15 meters, his best of the year and easily the best on the day. A testament to his dedication to the sport, the victory brought Fish to 28 wins in his collegiate career, including two state championships in his senior year.

Fish was also named the Riffle Award winner for 1998. His outstanding performance in the shot put was close to the Hamilton all-time record, and enough to gain the highest honor Hamilton can bestow upon an athlete.

Also among the Hamilton athletes qualified for the championship was Erin Ersenkal '98, on the verge of completing his final collegiate season. Having clocked a school record in the 800 meters the week before, Ersenkal sought a state championship in the event. While the final round at the state meet found Ersenkal in fourth overall at the finish, he cut an amazing two seconds off his time and the school record as well.

On the women's side Tara Woolford '99 entered the meet seeking to defend her 3,000 meter championship from the indoor season. Competing in both the 3,000 and 5,000, following a week off from racing, Woolford raced near the front in the 3,000, sharing the lead with several runners and finidng herself in second at the tape.

While disappointed with the overall result, her time was a personal best and was a scant 3 seconds off of the school record. At today's open competition at the University at Albany, Woolford will be gunning for the school record and a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Championships.

The five thousand meters on Saturday afternoon proved to be less hospitable for Tara, as two runners who had not previously competed tired out much of the field before racing away to victory, leaving Woolford with a 5th place overall.

The 1,500 meter both the men and the women had outstanding per-

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